

Welcome to the Infant Room!

Welcome to the Infant room! This purpose of this letter is to familiarize you with the routine and daily events in the Infant classroom. Each day, you will receive a day sheet outlining the amounts and foods that your child ate, the times he or she napped, and diaper checks. Any special activities are also listed on the day sheet.

Bottles/Feedings

In the Infant room, we warm bottles in a crock pot before giving them to the children. If your child does not finish a bottle within 30 minutes, we must discard the rest of the milk/formula. We do offer the bottle a second time within the 30 minute time limit.

Personal Belongings

When you arrive in the morning, we ask that you place your baby's bottle in the refrigerator in the area designated for your child. Please be sure to label everything with your child's name (bottles, caps, pacifiers, blankets, etc.) This helps to keep confusion to a minimum and prevents mix-ups. Your child will also have a basket assigned to him or her in which to keep items such as diapers, wipes, powders, and creams. When your supply of these items is getting low, it will be documented on your child's day sheet.

Nap Time/Crib Assignments

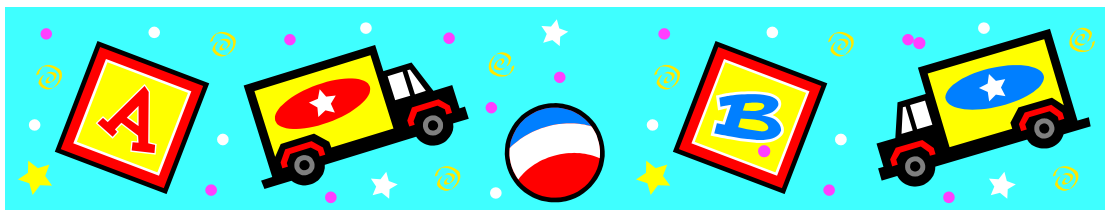
We treat each child on an individual basis and work with you to maintain your child's nap schedule. If your child does not currently take a morning nap, we will engage them in another quiet activity. Each child who is with us five days a week is assigned his or her own crib. Children who are here on alternating days may share a crib with another child. If you would like to bring in crib toys or your own crib sheets, please feel free; however we ask that you make sure they are clearly labeled. We will send items home to be laundered as needed.

Cleanliness

Here at Childrens' Kastle, we pride ourselves on maintaining a clean environment in all of our classrooms. In the Infant room, it is especially important to keep the classroom as germ-free as possible. At least twice a day, we disinfect all of your toys, mats, swings, jumpers, and walkers with a bleach water solution. We also strip our cribs on a daily basis. The cribs are disinfected and fresh bedding is applied at the end of each day. Finally, we ask that everyone who enters the Infant room remove their shoes before doing so. Since many of our children are crawling, we do not want dirt, stones, or puddles on our floor. We understand that this may be an inconvenience at times, but it helps us to maintain a safe environment for our little ones.

Biting

As children start teething, it is developmentally appropriate for them to occasionally bite other children or objects to relieve the discomfort they are feeling. In order to prevent injury, we offer children teething rings and can apply Oragel as supplied by parents.



Walking

As your child begins to pull up into a standing position, he or she may lose their balance and fall. This is normal and to be expected. Bumps and bruises are also a common occurrence while your child is learning balance and coordination. If your child has a head injury, we are required to notify the parents, even if the injury is minor. As your baby gains a sense of balance and his or her physical skills develop, the frequency of falls will decrease.

Christian Curriculum

As a Christian Center, the Infant room demonstrates God's love through the care a child receives physically and emotionally. His or her character is influenced by the staff. The babies are taught in simple, understandable ways the important concepts of God's world.

Parent Communication

We provide you with a monthly newsletter containing a calendar of special events and activities. We also log instructions, questions, or concerns given by parents early in the day. Staff members are required to read and initial the classroom log book at the start of their shift each day. Please feel free to call us during the day to check in on your child. You will be able to speak to one of the Infant room staff regarding your child's day. Progress reports are also completed in January and June to keep you informed of your child's developmental progress. Conferences are scheduled at these times with the head teacher.

Our prayers for your child include the following:

Emotionally- Your child will come to feel that this is a pleasant and happy place. He or she will look forward to being with people who truly care for them, play with them, and love them.

Socially- Your child will enjoy watching the other children at play. He or she will begin learning to be friendly with others as we gently guide their play.

Mentally- We instruct the children with colorful pictures, toys, blocks, and music to encourage their cognitive development.

Spiritually- Your child will hear important spiritual words. Bible stories and themes are included in our daily lesson plans.

Thank you for sharing your special blessings with us!

The Infant Room Staff

