



**Toddler Newsletter
March/April 2010**

Important Dates:

Mon. March 22nd through
Fri. March 26th.
SCHOOL CLOSED
Spring Break

Fri. April 2nd
SCHOOL CLOSED
Good Friday

Announcements:

♥ We at Adventure Montessori would like to give our new toddler friends and parents a warm introduction to our program, please join us in welcoming:

**Logan M.
Chase**

Reminders:

♥ Please remember to sign your child in and out everyday.

♥ Make sure you are checking your child's file!

**THANK YOU PARENTS!
For participating in Parent
Teacher Conferences and
building on our partnership.
We couldn't do it without you!**

The Work of the Toddler

At Adventure Montessori we place great emphasis on the emotional stability of each child. The toddler age is full of milestones, challenges and budding individuality. These events can often be frustrating for parents as their toddler oscillates between dependence and independence. This conflict can often cause internal disorder, which is why we strive to provide our toddlers with routine and consistency. Our daily routines are centered on the needs of the child and remain consistent so that the child feels comfortable and prepared when transitioning to different activities. Working within a routine is stimulating work for a toddler; it sharpens their awareness of their external environment and promotes working as a community.

In order to help the toddler in their quest for independence we provide work that lets them make their own choices and contribute to their environment. The lead teacher prepares work with their individual student's development in mind. Work is designed to be exploratory while targeting a specific skill set. An example would be the geometric shapes in the sensorial area of the classroom; the child can build with the shapes, knock them together to hear what sounds they make or simply study the different lines, curves and points of the shapes. However, while they are doing this they are becoming familiar with the shapes and patterns that make up most objects in our natural world. The best part is they are allowed to explore the material freely and manipulate in a way that makes sense to them. In essence, they are driving their own development by working with materials specially provided for them.

Taking care of themselves and their community is rewarding work for toddlers who are becoming individuals. We encourage the toddlers to pick up or clean messes and spills, dress and feed themselves and solve conflicts with their friends on their own.

Through these activities, we hope to instill a love of learning that will form the basis of our student's education.