

Montessori Infant and Toddler Programs

A Great Place for Your Baby and Family



Bright Horizons
MONTESSORI SCHOOLS



The first three years of life are an extraordinary time that sets the stage for the years that follow. Each child needs to develop a sense of autonomy and a sense of being a separate, independent self, which comes from being treated as an important individual who is allowed increasing opportunities for freedom.



The child's first three years are critical for the development of the brain and language. During this period, the child's life experience plays a fundamental role in the hard-wiring of the brain, laying the foundation for all intellectual and emotional development to follow. From birth, babies are marvelous learners, immediately investigating the sights, sounds, and feel of the world.

Bright Horizons is committed to offering a helping hand in your young child's journey and creating a true partnership with you and your family in the care of your child.

The “no” of toddlers and twos is an assertion of autonomy that leads to freely saying “yes” and developing the power to control bodies and feelings. Only when children feel a sense of personal power (“I can affect things.”) are they ready to move to the next critical task of realizing a sense of competence (“I can achieve things.”) — and step out into the wider world as active learners and problem-solvers.



A Warm, Welcoming Environment

Our Bright Horizons Montessori curriculum provides infants and toddlers with what they need — a safe world rich with opportunities to actively explore and enjoy, to see, hear, feel, touch, and move.

They need a world filled with responsive interactions and language: many conversations with others, books (for even the youngest babies), songs, and lots of listening and responding to their vocalizations and words.



Our program is designed for optimum comprehensive individual development at the child's natural pace. Caring and learning are inseparable. In the program, children optimize their emerging physical, sensorial, perceptual, cognitive, and social skills.



A Guide for Quality Care for Your Baby

WHAT TO ASK?

- Will my baby be held a lot and have lots of “conversations” and physical nurturing?
- How will that happen without a one-to-one ratio? What if my baby cries?
- What kind of experience and training will the teachers in my baby’s room have?
- How do I know they will be loving, competent, and caring people?
- How long have the caregivers been at the school?
- What precautions have been taken to limit the spread of germs?
- How will I know what my baby’s schedule (feeding, sleeping, and diapering) has been for the day?

- Will I get an update of what my baby has done that day?
- How will you communicate with me so I don’t miss any milestones?
- How do you manage such a wide range of ages/abilities in one classroom?

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Does the school have a secure entrance?
- Are all the families and visitors greeted?
- Do the children seem happy and comfortable in the classroom?
- Do the teachers seem happy and engaged with the children?



Making the Decision

Choosing care for your baby is one of the most difficult decisions you can make. You are looking for a relationship that will last years and will provide the support you need to raise a terrific child and begin a lifelong journey of learning. Bright Horizons is deeply committed to forming a strong partnership with your family and providing safe, quality care for your baby. We hope you'll look closely, ask a lot of questions, bring along grandparents or friends, and visit as often as you need to feel confident in this important decision.



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