



Toddler Room

12 - 24 Months

Children in the toddler room are in varying stages of mobility; some just learning to walk and others walking with confidence. Teachers provide opportunities for active play and quiet play, in addition to providing guidance in group experiences. Children play outside daily, weather permitting.

CELC practices the play-based approach where children develop social and communication skills through meaningful play. The teachers in the toddler room also use the *Creative Curriculum* to provide sensory and perceptual learning activities throughout the day. Children learn to put words to objects, interactions, and emotions in this language-rich environment. The daily schedule is more structured than the infant room as it integrates more group activity time. Teachers support creative activities, dramatic play, and opportunities for small and large motor activities daily.

06:30-07:30	Greeting and talk with parents / Free choice play
07:30-08:00	Handwashing and breakfast
08:00-08:30	Free choice play
08:30-09:00	Large group activity (diapers for any child arriving before 7:30)
09:00-09:30	Handwashing and snack
09:30-10:00	Small group activities and diapers
10:00-10:30	Outside play
10:30-11:00	Handwashing and story time (later arriving children's diapers)
11:00-11:30	Lunch, cleanup, and nap prep
11:30-11:45	Diaper changes and handwashing
11:45-01:45	Rest time (diaper changes and handwashing at the end of rest)
01:45-02:30	Table top activities/small group activities
02:30-03:00	Story time and handwashing
03:00-03:30	Snack
03:30-04:30	Diaper changes and handwashing
04:30-05:15	Outside play
04:30-05:30	Free play and goodbyes

ITEMS TO BRING TO CARE (label all items with the child's name):

Sippy cups brought daily and returned clean the next day (4)

Cot-sized blanket to be left on the child's cot and washed weekly at CELC

Pacifier - If your child uses a pacifier, it is used at rest time only as this is the stage of great language development. Pacifiers inhibit the ability to speak clearly and be understood.

Diapers - We can store up to a two-week supply of diapers.

If using cloth diapers - **Parents provide a small foot-operated trash receptacle.**

Wipes - Store purchased, sealed

Diaper rash cream - Must sign a *Written Medication Consent*

Two sets of extra weather-appropriate clothing, socks, (and underwear, if applicable) - labeled with the child's initials

Rain boots and a rain jacket to leave at CELC

Weather-appropriate outerwear (bring daily)

Sun hat for children who do not use sunscreen (sunscreen provided by CELC if *over-the-counter skin products authorization form* is signed)

Two family pictures

ITEMS NOT TO BRING:

Toys or stuffed animals from home

Snacks

Pillows

Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or cough syrup

Each family is asked to bring a tote bag daily with sippy cups for toddlers. The tote bag also provides a location for dirty clothing which needs to go home.

Toddlers sleep or rest quietly on cots for a 2-hour rest period daily. Children are provided books to look at if they do not sleep and quiet activities to play with on their cots if they wake before the rest period is complete. Children are allowed to sleep beyond the designated rest time as needed. Sheets and blankets are washed weekly at CELC.

A menu of breakfast and snacks provided by CELC are posted in each classroom at the family check-in location. Children are served a variety of healthy foods and teachers avoid food which may be a choking hazard for young children. Children are allowed second helpings as desired. Families shall provide a packed lunch for their children daily. Any food remaining from lunch is discarded, not sent home. Possible upgrades to the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren kitchen are currently being studied. For this reason, lunch preparation and dishwashing capabilities are not accessible to the CELC. If the kitchen becomes available in the future, the Center will reassess meal preparation and cleanup options with the possibility of providing lunch.