



## **EARLY DISCOVERERS PROGRAM**

6 Weeks to 15 Months

### **PERSONALIZED CARE PLAN**

Our curriculum focuses on developing personalized care plans for each infant with the family's routine as our foundation. By honoring family routines, we provide stability and structure to promote a child's willingness to explore and engage in intentional activities. Our professional educators take a proactive approach to a flexible and adaptive schedule for each child. The Early Discoverers classroom encompasses a classroom management system that is well thought out and organized. Each daily schedule allows for diaper changes, feedings, curriculum focused activities, individual teacher interactions, and yoga. The classroom environment is intentionally designed to foster our curriculum and to support a loving, calming, and clean space inspiring wonder and discovery. The curriculum includes opportunities to meet and stretch the infant's development in areas of cognitive, physical, sensory, social, and language development. Personalized daily "focus baskets" are created for each child to encourage purposeful and playful activities to promote developmental growth. Goals are identified with those specific focus baskets and teachers work with children one-on-one and in small groups to achieve each goal. Relationships and trust are built through these special moments.

### **LANGUAGE ARTS**

Books are an integral part of developing motor skills; reading books daily, page turning, and pointing to pictures are just a few of the skills acquired by our young discoverers. Sing-a-longs aid in memory development, and sign language introduces our youngest students to a form of communication to help them relay their thoughts without being able to verbalize it yet.

### **MATHEMATICS**

Problem solving is emphasized by fitting objects into available and defined space. The identification of shapes and sorting objects by shape and color are reinforced by using nesting cups and other materials.

### **ENGINEERING**

Developmental tools that work on skills such as stacking and building support Engineering concepts.

### **SCIENCE**

Our Early Discoverers class is introduced to the natural and physical world. Exploring their classroom environment and outdoor discovery. Social Sciences are introduced by developing relationships with peers and the importance of friendship. Children enjoy learning to express themselves and how to self-regulate their emotions, building self-confidence, and independence. Formal Science is focused on decision making; Social Science is the imitation of behavior, following directions, and seeking approval of positive behavior. Positive behavior reinforcement techniques are used daily at Baylake Academy. Simple, hands-on science exploration is a part of our students' curriculum for our curious little learners.

### **FINE ARTS**

Interaction with musical instruments promotes physical activity, sensory exploration, as well as exposure to the different sounds made by the various instruments. Painting and coloring exploration inspires our students' imagination and creativity.

### **HEALTH & FITNESS**

Students in the Early Discoverers Program start to identify basic body parts by pointing to and beginning to verbalize them. The fitness program promotes the use of gross motor skills by practicing tummy time, crawling, surefootedness, walking, yoga, throwing balls, and kicking. Optional infant massage is available to promote relaxation, circulation, and digestion.

### **FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Our Food and Nutrition Program supports our Health and Fitness Academics. The belief food and nutrition are the same is a misnomer; simply, nutrition is the study of nutrients in food and how it affects our body. With this understanding Baylake Academy encourages healthy eating habits as well as a healthy mind.