

Our Program at a Glance

Currently offering six schedules: MWF, TTh and M-F, half or full days. We are open 8:00 - 4:00 Monday - Thursdays, and 8:00 - 1:00 pm on Fridays

Our Meals:

- We serve three toddler friendly, organic, vegetarian meals cooked onsite daily.
- All of our produce is sourced either from our toddler friendly kitchen garden, or from a variety of local organic farms.

Our Staff:

- We know that high quality care simply can't happen without high quality teachers. We
 offer lots of opportunities for professional development and continuing education, and all
 of our teachers' qualifications exceed those outlined by State Licensing.
- A low teacher: child ratio is also vital to quality care. Our ratio is 1:3 or better at all times.
- We believe strongly in providing a worthy wage to our staff, with 85% of our budget going toward their salaries.

Our Site:

- We've modified our already beautiful, developmentally appropriate environment to be the perfect place for toddlers to enjoy their days exclusively outdoors.
- We've got four full yards where children can explore safely and freely, exploring our garden, grazing on veggies, riding bikes, playing in our mud kitchen, and much more.
- We've got multiple shade/rain structures for outside comfort in any weather, with our main covered patio heated. Our naproom is indoors, but has two large sliding glass doors, which remain open at all times for optimal ventilation.

Our Philosophy:

- For almost 50 years, we've embraced the developmentally appropriate RIE philosophy of care, and have written a book, <u>1,2,3...The Toddler Years</u>, widely used in community colleges as a guide for respectful caregiving.
- We strongly value diverse communities, anti-bias curriculum, and anti-racism.
- We embrace sustainable practices, and know that young children thrive outdoors: recognizing that raising adults that care about the environment begins with an early appreciation of the natural world.

COVID-19 - We are proud to say that we've had ZERO Covid transmission at our site!

- We are an all outdoor program, and meet or exceed all guidelines set forth by <u>State</u> <u>Licensing</u>.
- Our staff are fully vaccinated and test on a regular basis.
- We require that children be vaccinated for COVID-19, and encourage all family members of children in our program to be up to date with theirs as well.

Our Rates:

- Our monthly rates cover diapers, as well as three organic vegetarian meals cooked onsite, and all other materials.
- We are proud to provide tuition assistance to qualifying families through our scholarship program. Scholarships are based upon a family's gross annual income, are budget dependent, and will vary in amount and number from year to year. Feel free to contact us to see if you might qualify for a scholarship.