

***Happy Times Child Development Center
Our Curriculum***

**PRESCHOOL
(2 YEARS OF AGE)**

Themes

Themes are two to three week studies that allow children to explore and investigate high-interest topics and build conceptual understanding of the world around them.

Curriculum Resource

Teachers utilize the Creative Curriculum, an award-winning, research-based program that supports a developmentally-appropriate approach to learning through exploration and discovery.

Classroom Experiences

Hellos and Goodbyes: Teachers help children manage separations and reunions with loved ones as children gain self-confidence and build trust.

Intentional Teaching: Teachers provide engaging and playful learning experiences that are based on learning objectives with either small groups or one on one.

Exploration: Development in all areas is supported through purposeful play with developmental toys and manipulatives that promote stacking, sorting, nesting, pushing, pulling, etc.

Meal Time: Children practice self-care routines and enjoy a sense of community.

Outdoor Play: All areas of development are supported as children explore and play on the playground.

Young Preschool curriculum includes each of the following:

- **Group time - Story Time** – to engage children in the joy of reading through exposure to various books and songs.
- **Music** – children learn to love music and support development in all areas as they sing, dance, and play instruments in the music and movement room

- **Motor Lab** – through specific movement activities, children improve large-muscle skills, balance and coordination in the music and movement room
- **Spanish** – children will be exposed to the Spanish language as the teachers sing songs, read stories and play games related to the classroom theme in BOTH English and Spanish.