

The Moonbeams

Hi and welcome to the Moonbeams! Being in the Moonbeams program depends on the readiness of the child as well as the child's birth date. The children in this classroom are typically 30 months until about 3 ½. The staff:child ratio in the Moonbeams is 1:10.

The Curriculum

The Moonbeams program allows space for growth and skill development. Our curriculum is varied and is geared to meet your child's needs and developmental stages. Our curriculum is developmental appropriate and involved music, language, math, science, gross motor, self-help skills, fine motor, dramatic play, sensory development and art.

If your child is new to Angels Alley, we will make every effort to help your child feel comfortable with us and have them get to know the other children. To keep their interest and challenge their developmental abilities, we are always adding new concepts and doing it with enthusiasm, dramatic play, but most of all, fun! During our circle time, we sing "Good Morning" and "Get to Know You" songs. We play marching games with our shapes and colors, make facial expressions for different feelings, dress "weather bear" with proper attire, go over manners, read our theme-related books, and do movement activities. For math readiness skills, we review size and position discrimination, ordinal numbers (first through third), and number recognition one through twenty. We do letter and name recognition with our puppets.

Supplies

Your child will need the following items in our classroom:

- Spare, weather appropriate clothing
- 1 Full size crib sheet and 1 blanket

Potty Training Policy

1. We will ask the child if they would like to use the potty.
2. We will help and assist in all potty-training aspects.
3. We never force, compare, scold or embarrass any child.
4. We do not use food as a bribe or punishment.
5. We reward with hand stamps, stickers, but most of all we reward the child through recognition of the accomplishment and lots of praise, giving them the feeling of total confidence. We all know potty training can be very challenging. Please remember all children learn at different rates and we should not compare them.
6. During potty training, several changes of clothing must be in the cubbie.
7. Please do not dress your child in belts or suspenders.

Meals

Breakfast is served from 5:45-8:30 am and is not provided by Angels Alley. Please bring your child's breakfast from home daily. Two snacks are provided by Angels Alley according to our schedule. Lunch is served at approximately 11:30 am and is not provided. Lunch is to be brought in baggies and should be completely disposable. Please label the bag with your child's name and date. Foods requiring short heating times are permitted. Dinners are served at 6 pm and are not provided. Milk and juice are provided with snacks as well as breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Medication

Permission forms, located at the front desk, must be filled out allowing the staff to administer medication to your child. Medication that needs to be refrigerated must be placed in the refrigerator medication box. All other medication must be stored in the classroom medication box. Please do not leave medication on the counters or in cubbies. Tylenol may be kept at the center, to be administered with verbal permission, should your child develop a fever. This procedure is only to relieve a fever until your child is picked up; we cannot care for ill children. See please see our complete illness policy in the Parent Handbook for additional information. If your child suffers from any allergies, please notify us.

Communication/Visitation

An information board is used to inform parents about their child's day. We do have optional daily report sheets available to those parents who would like a more detailed account of their child's day. Individual updates are given to each parent through progress reports in January and June, and notes about accomplishments and/or concerns are given out as needed. Please inform us of any special information concerning your child. You are welcome to visit your child at anytime. However, we ask that you encourage your child to participate in our activities or take your child into the hallway or play yard during your visit.

