

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are Toddler Time and Summer Fun?

Toddler Time is a 2-hour drop-off enrichment program for two-year-olds. Summer Fun is the summer version of Toddler Time. For both programs, children may be enrolled for up to 3 days a week.

What's the Philosophy?

The program is designed on a play-based model to help children develop social skills, imagination, and greater self-reliance. We work with children at their own pace in a nurturing, caring environment. Our goal is to provide a classroom atmosphere of warmth and respect utilizing positive feedback and guidelines.

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Children born in 2016 are eligible for Toddler Time. For Summer Fun, children must be two by the start of the program. Children who have turned 3 but have not yet started a 3s program are also eligible for Summer Fun.

What is the Teacher/Student Ratio?

The ratio is 1:4, with each class having a maximum of 8 students.

What is the Program Calendar?

Toddler Time 2017-2018 runs from Sept. 11, 2018 through May 24, 2019. We follow the Darien public school calendar for holidays, vacations and inclement weather closings. Summer Fun runs from June 4 through Aug. 17, 2018.

What is a Typical Day?

The day begins with drop-off at 9:15 and a typical day includes free-play, stories, music, movement, an art project and a nut-free snack (which we provide). The children will also play outside each day (weather-permitting) with the program ending at 11:15.

Does my Child have to be Potty Trained?

Children do not need to be potty-trained to be enrolled in the program. Our teachers change diapers as needed. If/when your child begins potty-training we fully support those efforts.

What Forms Are Required?

We require a signed Tuition Agreement & Registration Form, an Emergency Contact and Medical Information form, and a Photo Release prior to the start of the program.

When Does Registration Open?

For YWCA members, registration opens on Jan. 22; for non-members it is Feb. 5.

Are There Options To Extend the Day?

We offer two additional programs for Toddler Time age students. Art Club and Book Club are one hour programs that run from 11:30 - 12:30 on Tuesday and Thursday. Children will be transitioned from one program to the other by YWCA staff.