

# Toddler Curriculum Connection 2017

Children celebrate the joys of making and having friends during our “Building Friendships” theme. Children will engage in sharing and caring activities, games, songs, rhymes, literature, and snacks. They will also explore their emotions and use their imagination while they “Dream Big”.

Jan 30 - Feb 10, 2017

## Building Friendships

During the next two weeks, children will strengthen their social and emotional skills to work on building friendships. Children will expand cultural awareness during Social Studies activities, celebrate their friends as unique individuals and learn more about themselves. The children will demonstrate knowledge about themselves and others through making friendship bracelets, making a feelings collage, creating a class friendship quilt in the art center and comparing likes and dislikes.

Photo Cards: Empathy, Sportsmanship, Play, Laughter, Sharing, Hug, Patience, Compassion, Listening and Caring

February 13-24, 2017

## Dream Big

As children begin to develop their sense of self, their emotions play a very important role in the overall growth process. During the next two weeks, children will focus on expressions, emotions, and understanding their different feelings. They will make a classroom emotions book to display in the library, explore emotions through mirror play, role play how to cope with strong feelings and sing “If You’re Happy and You Know It!”

Photo Cards: Nervous, Irritable, Silly, Happy, Tired, Surprised, Scared, Shy, Sad and Mad

### Baby Sign Language

Communication is a vital part of human nature. To support our babies in our schools, we incorporate a Baby Sign Language Program. During the month of February, we will focus on learning the sign for “share.”



### Ready, Set, GROW! Fit Foundations

During the month of February, our Ready, Set, GROW! Fit Foundations program will focus on the theme “Manipulative Skills.”

### February Kids of Character

#### Empathy

Self-regulation skills are the foundation for empathy. By learning to calm themselves, regulate emotions, delay gratification, persevere, and stay focused on the right things, children develop the skills which allow them to look beyond themselves.

**At home, you can help teach your child empathy by:**

- Notice your child’s feelings and talk about them. Help them increase their vocabulary to talk about their emotions.
- Tell stories that help children see the world from the perspective of others.
- Talk about times that you have shown empathy, along with times you have forgotten to show empathy.

### Language Immersion Spanish

During the month of February, our Language Immersion Spanish class will focus on the theme “Body Parts.”

Head - cabeza

Face - cara

Nose - nariz