

# Gan Yeladeem Learning Center

## INFANT CURRICULUM

Gan Yeladeem Learning Center infant classroom is a child centered curriculum, based on the needs of each infant.

### Development of Language Skills

- Share songs and finger play with rhyme and repetition.
- Use self-talk throughout the day to boost vocabulary and model language skills. For example, "I'm going to wash my hands and put your bottle in the warmer.
- Read books and tell stories about pictures throughout the day.

### Introduce early math concepts

- Provide items for infants to explore different textures, shapes, sizes and colors.
- Read stories and sing songs that include counting and numbers.
- Establish daily routines.

### Introduce science concepts

- Provide toys for infants to grasp and mouth.
- Encourage infants to push buttons on a pop-up toy.
- Spend time outdoors with infants to teach them about the sights and sounds they see in nature, allowing them to explore and react to outdoor surfaces and changes in weather.
- Create opportunities for infants to observe and experience their environment, both inside and out, using all five senses.

### Social-emotional skills

- Respond to an infant's smiles, coos, babbles and cries.
- Hold, sit or lie on the floor with infants to be close to them during playtimes.
- Create opportunities for infants to observe and interact with other infants in the environment.
- Help infants distinguish between familiar and unfamiliar adults.

### Physical skills

- Provide infants with floor time to explore their environment
- Encourage infants to roll over, sit up or crawl and walk to people or toys.
- Provide opportunities for infants to begin to learn to feed themselves.

