



Tuesday/Thursday 9-AM Toddler Lab  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
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**This Week's Activities**

**Free Play Activities (Activities inside may change based on available resources and child need):**

**Flop & Drop: Vehicle Madness** – Toddlers will have the opportunity to listen to stories about different vehicles and explore how they work while playing with cars and trucks.

**Block Center: My Town** - Toddlers will have the opportunity to use props such as human figurines and cars as they explore a town made out of blocks and wooden figures.

**Dramatic Play: Shopping Time!** Toddlers will have the opportunity to select what items they want to purchase from a grocery store as they take on the roles of shoppers or cashiers.

**Inside Gross Motor: Goal-a-Rama** - Toddlers will have the opportunity to kick or throw a ball towards a soccer goal.

**Large Group Activity:**

**Five Little Monkeys** – Toddlers will actively participate as they act out the rhyme of five little monkeys who bumped their heads.

**Outdoor Activities – Large Playground (Activities outside may be changed based on the weather conditions of the playground):**

**Sandbox Search** – Toddlers will have the opportunity to explore and play in the sand as they use shovels and rakes to find buried dinosaurs.

**Knock 'em Down** – Toddlers will have the opportunity to use toy bowling balls to knock over plastic bowling pins.

**Inclement Weather Activity:**

**Puzzling Fun** - Children will have the opportunity to develop fine motor pincer grasp skills as they put peg puzzles together.

**Home Activity:** This week in class we will be working on looking at picture books. The children will have the opportunity to look at a variety of picture books at various activities. Some of these activities include: looking at a variety of books in the flop & drop area, looking at the class book, looking at books as they go grocery shopping in the dramatic play area, kick the ball towards the goal in the gross motor area like Baseball Bob hit the ball in his book, and act out their day with the animals and figurines in the block area. Teachers will specifically invite children to look at picture books with them. Teachers will also help children expand their vocabulary as they introduce new words from the books.

At home, you can help your toddler become more familiar with books by having a variety of picture books throughout your house in places easily accessible to them. Not all books need to be purchased. There are many fun ways to make your own inexpensive picture book. Attached is a Ziploc bag book with some blank pages you can put pictures in of objects that interest your child, replacing them as their interests change. You can ask your child questions as you talk with them about the pictures they see to stimulate their thinking. Using words unfamiliar to them will help expand their vocabulary range.