

Our Mission

- to inspire
 - to nurture
 - to support
 - to educate
- ... thru play

Our Program

Our **Infant/Toddler Program** honors the importance of stable, loving relationships and consistent, nurturing routines. We follow a **Continuity of Care Model** that keeps children and their teachers together for their first two years in the program. Our classroom environment encourages individual and social development while preparing children for further learning in preschool programs.

Our **Twos/Preschool Program** promotes valuable learning opportunities through a rich curriculum. It is designed to meet the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Model Early Learning Standards. Child-initiated activities focus on key educational experiences that encourage curiosity, exploration and learning moments. These daily activities support the social skills identified as the foundation for Kindergarten and a life of successful learning.

Family Partnership

We value our partnership with families and believe that parents are the principal influence in their child's life. Children grow to their most delightful potential when we collaborate on important issues. Families are encouraged to stop and take a break with your child, join us for a snack or meal, or take part in a fun classroom activity.

Our program is a welcoming environment that is inclusive of all children, families, staff, Meriter and community visitors - respecting the diversity in ancestry, culture, race, national origin, family structure, religion, ability, language, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, age and gender that is represented in our community and world.

"The gift to each child in the world should be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout a lifetime."

- Rachel Carlson



Children's Center

A wonderful place for children and families

- Accredited by the City of Madison
- YoungStar 5-Star Quality Program
- Licensed by the State of WI (Dept. of Children & Families)



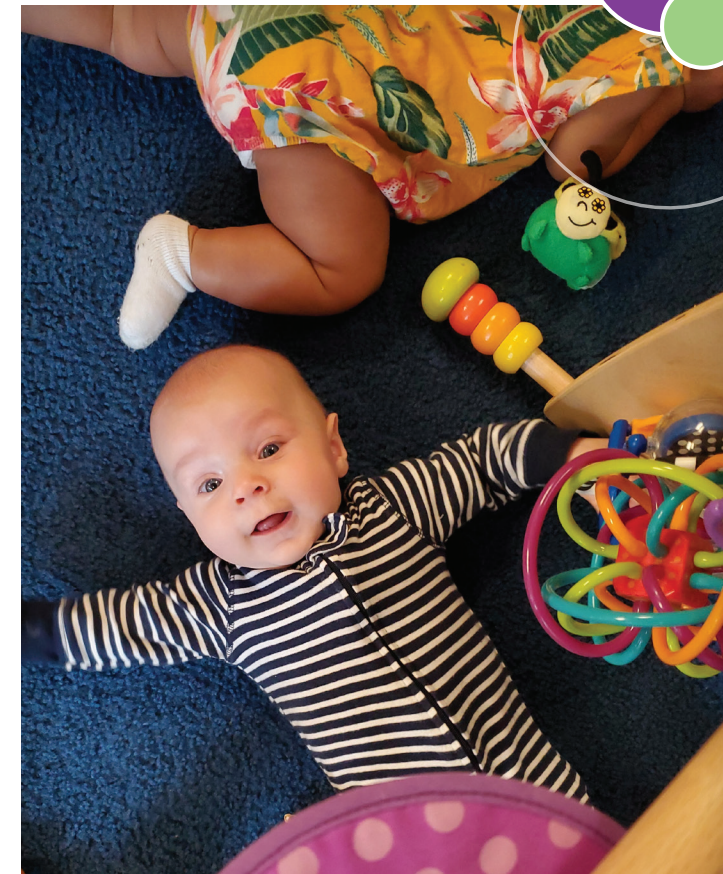
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foster friendships

grow to be critical thinkers

embrace fun



Our Learning Environment

The Children's Center has been a vibrant and joyful part of the Meriter community since 1988.

We offer a caring and safe learning environment that supports each child in growing and learning to their full potential - emotionally, physically, cognitively and socially.



We teach the skills and model the respect that fosters a sense of belonging in our community of classrooms. Our teacher-to-child ratios enhance relationships and support the development of strong social and language skills.

Experiences in the early years of a child's life build a foundation for lifelong learning and living. At the Children's Center, we honor play as the most meaningful learning experience in a child's life.

We present a variety of learning activities designed to meet the developmental needs of each child, and to inspire joyful learning. Our carefully planned learning experiences strive to:

- Deepen children's understanding of the world
- Build the skills and knowledge needed to be successful learners and good friends
- Progress at a child's pace; respecting the need for balance in daily activities, for active and restful times, for indoor and outdoor play

Our Teachers

Meriter Children's Center teachers are dedicated, experienced and highly qualified in early childhood development and education. Our teaching staff provide comprehensive, high quality learning experiences and enriching field trips



throughout Meriter and the Madison community. They are committed to continued professional development, and all staff hold current CPR and First Aid certification.

Scheduling Options

The Meriter Children's Center offers up to a 9.5 hour day. We are open Monday thru Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Tuition Assistance

For information on financial assistance for childcare tuition, contact:

- WI Shares Program/Dane County Jobs Center - 242-7441
- City of Madison Office of Community Services - 266-6520
- UW Child Care Tuition Assistance Office - 265-9662

Child Nutrition

Programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are available to all children regardless of: race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410.



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Visit unitypoint.org/childrenscenter or call (608) 417-5258.