

## Do You Think Two Year Olds Are Too Young For School?

Many parents feel that 2 year olds are too young for school, for some that may be the case. However for the active toddler that has an interest in running (around the house), climbing (tables and chairs), jumping (off/on the bed), coloring (on the walls), Nursery School maybe be the answer to you and your child's dreams. Nursery school will become the place for your child to burn off excess energy in a positive manner, under the loving guidance of trained experienced early childhood teachers. Home will soon be a positive place again and school will be the place to make the mess and explore.

Most children (2 years of age and older) benefit tremendously from interaction and socialization in a school environment. The children develop self-confidence to interact with their peers. They learn to share and yes even make friendships at the ripe young age of 2.

Merrick Community Nursery School and Camp has just the program to introduce your two-year-old to the wonders of learning. MCNS is a magical place where children explore their world under the close supervision of two trained and experienced early childhood teachers. MCNS believes that children learn by doing. They explore life with their entire body, hands, feet and heads. They promote this exploration by providing children the comforts of knowing what each day will bring. There are our familiar activities such as puzzles, painting, play dough, music, stories, and active outdoor play. We also provide many surprises throughout day such as fun things in the always opened water table like flour, colored rice, and even snow (weather permitting), the crafts are well thought out age appropriate projects that encourage your child to use their imagination and to create their very own project. The teachers encourage the children's creativity and allow your child to create their project their own way. As a parent you will realize how special that is the very first day your child comes home with a craft project and says "I did this all by myself" The glow on their face and look in their eye says they really did.

This program is unique for the parents as well. Separation from your child can be frightening for the parent and child. MCNS makes separation a personal journey. Separation can be as gradual or as abrupt as the parent and child would like it. No parent is ever pushed out the door. A parent can stay as long as the child needs. The parent decides when their child can comfortably separate. The teachers help make the transition as stress free as possible for both the parent and the child.

Parent Participation is another unique aspect of the school. Parents participate in the class each class day. This works out to be a once a month participation visit for each parent. This participation gives the parents the opportunity to observe their child at play during their first school experience. You can be there first hand to see the magical world of school open up to your child. Participation is a wonderful way for the parents to meet all the children and their parents that the child will come in contact with on a regular basis. Who knows perhaps the parents will make new friends too. Options are available for parents unable to participate.

What a wonderful way to have a first school experience. Your child gets to exert his energy, play in a positive way with mom or dad there or not and is encourage to explore learn and create. If you want to find out more about this wonderful school MCNS is located at 69 Willis Ave. Merrick, NY. You are always welcome to stop by. If you prefer to speak to someone first, please call the School, 516-868-1071