

experience

toddler

Getting
Started

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At the core of all learning is a trusting and loving relationship.

Experience Toddler Curriculum is designed to help teachers support each child's natural growth and development through responsive care and sensory learning experiences. It is designed to nurture each child's unique potential and connect with their expanding curiosity about our diverse and beautiful world.

– The Experience Early Learning Team



Welcome to Experience Toddler

With this toddler curriculum, you can:

- **Nurture caring relationships** with children and help them express their feelings.
- Offer sensory-rich play that invites children to **explore their imaginations** through art and drama, **investigate** our world and **problem-solve** new challenges.
- **Partner with the family** and share reflections on each child's unique development.

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Thrive with a 4-part system

I Plan

Get ready to engage children's curiosity by using the Planning Calendars and 80 experience activities from the Teacher Guides. Activity content is also available digitally in the brightwheel app.



2 Play

Experience hands-on learning. Explore four new books each month. Dance to Toddler Beats. Enjoy loose parts play. Color, collage and create sticker art.



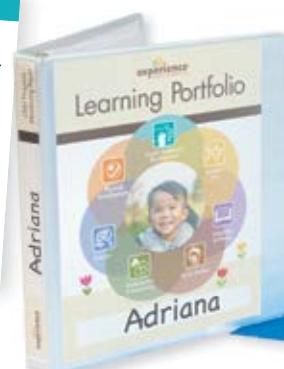
3 Connect with Families

Build relationships with the child's family by sending home weekly newsletters.



4 Observe & Document Growth

Follow the child's progress with embedded assessment and activity modification tips. Record achievements on the child's Individual Assessment form or in the brightwheel app.



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Planning is easy with flexible grab & go activities

- Weekly Teacher Guides include 20 cards for a total of **80 activities per month**. Leave the cards in the book or cut them out for grab 'n go learning.
- A full daily lesson plan has four color-coded activities - one from each learning domain. You can mix and match cards to create your own lesson plan. Just make sure to grab one of each color for a **balanced learning experience** across all domains.
- To begin, simply find all of the cards with the number 1 on the back of the card. Then locate the supplies included in your pack and you are **ready to play!**

Plan one week with 20 cards

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

MATH & REASONING

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ART & DRAMA

I
MONDAY



2
TUESDAY



3
WEDNESDAY



4
THURSDAY



5
FRIDAY



Skills are embedded in play

Toddlers learn best through play and sensory discovery. The back of each card describes how to set up the activity and support the child.

Simple set up

Supplies that are included in your weekly toolkit are checked off on the supplies list.

Two levels of interaction

Children develop at their own pace. As you play, simplify or increase the challenge to match the developmental level of each child.

Skills assessment

Each activity intentionally embeds 1-2 skills. As the child plays, use the question prompts to guide your observations.

1 Little Red & Lonely Wolf

Set Up

Show children the book Little Red Riding Hood and the Lonely Wolf and take time to explore how to handle a book. Talk about the cover and the pictures on it.

SUPPLIES

- Books: Little Red Riding Hood and the Lonely Wolf



Play

Young Toddler

Give a child the book upside-down. Otherwise, if he turns it right-side up, invite the child to help you turn the pages as you read aloud.

Older Toddler

Take turns reading a finger along the words while you read them from left to right. When you turn the page, ask children where you should start reading. Ask them to find pictures on the page.

Assess

SLD 1: CONCEPTS OF PRINT

Does the child recognize if pictures are right-side up? Does he turn the pages from front to back?

Does the child identify the front/back and left/rightness of a book? Does he indicate where to start reading on each page?

SLD 2: ALPHABETIC KNOWLEDGE

Does the child identify the object when shown the book's pictures?

Does the child recognize the difference between pictures, letters, and numbers as print?

Weekly Calendar and Book

Each week is summarized on a **Weekly Planning Calendar**. Notice how each week also features a new **Storybook**. Find these books in your **Weekly Toddler Teacher Pack**.

Develop 35 skills throughout the month

Every month of learning is carefully planned to incorporate a balance of skills across all areas of child development:



Social-Emotional



Math & Reasoning



Physical & Motor



Science



Language & Literacy



Social Studies



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Play with purpose

WEEKLY FEATURED BOOK

Each month features four types of books that support key social-emotional and emergent literacy skills.

Weekly activities are planned around the featured book.



Follow the Path

Expand vocabulary with photos. Explore early reading and writing skills by tracing over the path from left to right on each page. Reinforce **direction of text** and **eye-hand coordination**.

Forest Friends

Nurture **social skills** through stories of friendship and values.

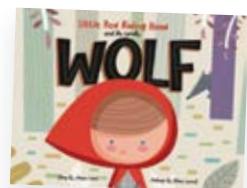


Nursery Rhyme

Strengthen **Listening and Communication** skills by finding new pictures and words in this exclusive book series.

Storybook

Expand **imagination** by getting to know story characters, acting out their obstacles and how they **solve problems**.



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

5 ways to explore LANGUAGE & LITERACY

COMMUNICATION

Sign each time a word is heard in the story.



BOOK DISCOVERY

Explore the front and back covers, turn pages and point at pictures.



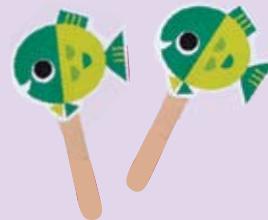
PICTURES & LETTERS

Explore a new letter and its sound by singing and by playing a letter game.



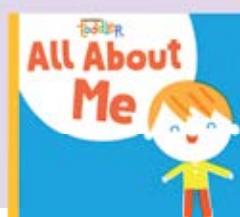
STORY PLAY

Play peekaboo and look for characters in the book. Make stick puppets to hide around the room.



ACTIVE LISTENING

Listen to read-aloud stories, explore active play and mimic sounds.



5 ways to explore MATH & REASONING

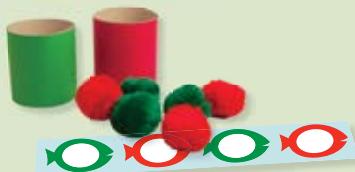
SENSORY PLAY

Explore sensory play. Use tools, dig out loose parts or decorate a playdough mat.



SORTING & SHAPES

Play with pom-poms, ribbons, cups and mats to encourage sorting colors, shapes and textures.



MEASURE WITH ME

Explore loose parts and investigate concepts of high-low, near-far, heavy-light and big-small.



NUMBER PLAY

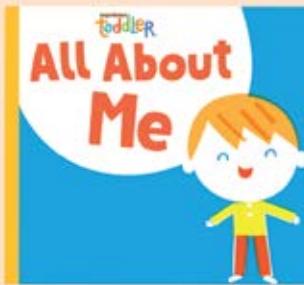
Play simple games to build number sense. Trace over numbers and create groups of objects.



5 ways to explore MUSIC & MOVEMENT

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Dance with imagination. Explore expression and interpretation.



GROUP DANCE

Repeat silly sounds and take turns being a song leader.

RHYTHM PATTERN

Pat and stomp rhythms. Dance in a shared space or individually.

Exclusive Experience Toddler music

Available through:

- Amazon Music
- Apple Music
- Spotify
- YouTube
- Member Resources
- And in the **brightwheel** App

COORDINATION

Dance to music and reach across the midline, balance on one foot, toss & catch and follow a path.



SOUNDS & SIGNS

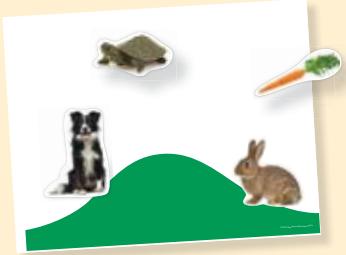
Sign words and explore verbal and nonverbal ways to express a song.

3 Connect with Families

Children love to show what they created during the day. There is a project to take home every day to help facilitate family discussion about what they learned.

5 ways to explore ART & DRAMA

STICKER ART



DRAMATIC PLAY



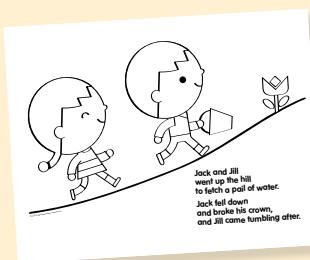
PAINTING



COLLAGING



COLORING



Weekly Newsletters

Watching a young child light up is rewarding and heart-warming. Share these special moments with families when you send the **Weekly Newsletters** home with the child.



An Action-Packed Week

Each newsletter summarizes the activities the child explored that week.

Together Time Ideas

Continue learning at home with these fun book and outdoor suggestions.

4 Observe & Document Growth

Use the assessment prompts identified with a star next to the skill to guide your observations. Record the child's demonstrated skill level on the **Group Observation Form**. Communicate with families by recording your observations on the **Individual Assessment Form** or in the brightwheel app.



Each child receives a monthly assessment report to put in their portfolio or to send home.

Track progress throughout the year

Watching children develop new skills is exciting and rewarding. Provide a year-long personalized **Child Portfolio** with the monthly **Individual Assessment Form** and saved work samples. Month after month, simply save the assessment form and the child's work samples in a binder. **Binder covers are available online**, so you can download and print as many as you like.



Experience a year of

Each month, the Teacher Pack includes:

- 80 Activities
 - 4 Storybooks
 - Toddler Beats Album
 - 4 Weekly Planning Calendars
 - Group Assessment Tools
 - Daily Schedule
 - Color Cups and Sorting Pompoms
 - Activity Cube Cards
 - 4 Sets of Story Pieces
 - 4 Play Mats
 - Sign Language and Yoga Poster
 - Loose Parts and Manipulatives
 - Circle Time Display



2024-25 Themes



growth and discovery

Each child receives:

- Family Weekly Newsletters
- Sticker Projects
- Coloring Projects
- Dramatic Play Props
- Painting Projects
- Collaging Projects
- Individual Child Assessment

