



The Little Me Growth Chart

Scholastic Book Club

Little Me is now enrolled in the Scholastic Book Club program. You will receive monthly book order form that you and your child can look through to order awesome books. The prices of the books are extremely reasonable.

There will be two order forms:

Honeybee: Books for ages 2-4 (this will start in March)

Firefly: Books for PreK - Kindergarten

At the top of the order form there will be a due date. Please send in cash or check by the posted due date and I will place the order. For every book that is purchased Little Me will earn bonus points for free books! The orders take approximately 2-3 weeks to arrive.

Computer Time

As most of you know, we now have a computer for the children to use. Each child will have 20 minutes per day to play educational games, and listen to stories. I have purchased a toddler friendly keyboard and mouse. This keyboard has the vowels in one color and consonants in a different color. The key size is also larger. The mouse has two buttons but when they click on the mouse either side works for them. I have noticed an improvement in their hand/eye coordination with just a couple of uses. We will continue to use the computer as a valuable learning tool.

Valentine's Day

Don't forget! Little Me will be open on Saturday, February 12th from 6pm - 9pm by reservation only. Dinner and movie will be provided. Please fill out the registration form and return it by no later than Friday, February 4th. The cost is \$20 per child.

Grocery Bags

Please save your used grocery plastic shopping bags. We use them to throw out the dirty diapers. We are running out. Any you could bring in would be appreciated!

Little Me & Learning

February's goals will include the following:

- Child's Name Recognition
- Letter C and D
- Numbers 1 -5
- Shapes/Colors
- Scissor cutting/Mazes

The children really enjoyed scissor cutting, the alphabets and numbers. We will continue to work on the previous skills and build upon them each month.



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Dates to Remember

- February 2nd - Groundhog Day
- February 14th - Valentines Day
- February 21st - Presidents Day

"If we would listen to our kids, we'd discover that they are largely self-explanatory. ~Robert Brault

Fine Motor Skills and Toddlers

Fine motor skills first develop in infants as they use their hands and fingers. Physical development is stimulated when parents do crafts with their kids. Crafts for kids are those crafts that children love to do by themselves ... that is with very little adult supervision. Depending on the age, fun activities for kids are those that have few rules and even fewer tools. Scribbling would be one of those activities.

This activity is self-evident to those who live with a toddler. Scribbling on the wall is often the first artwork discovered by the distraught parent. Sometimes out of sight in the back of a closet, the first artwork is discovered. More often, this first exhibit of artistic development is found on a wall in a prominent place in the home.

Early childhood specialists look at scribbling as a way to determine progress in a toddlers development. Preschoolers draw to see if they can. Sometimes they mimic an older sibling. Other times they just want to see what a crayon or marker will do. A very young child will usually use a crayon first as a tool to make noise with. Tapping it up and down on a piece of paper will not only make a sound, but the very young child will also notice that it makes a mark on the paper each time it comes in contact with the paper, high chair tray or whatever. Read more at Suite101: [Fine Motor Skills in Toddlers](http://www.suite101.com/content/fine-motor-skills-in-toddlers-a332313#ixzz1CiBRvIUv) <http://www.suite101.com/content/fine-motor-skills-in-toddlers-a332313#ixzz1CiBRvIUv>