



We know that a safe and nurturing environment is of the uttermost importance, along with attentive and caring care givers. Our Greatest Gifts will provide a “home away from home” environment where the children are encouraged to grow, learn, and explore through play. Care givers will help each child meet goals based on each child’s individual age and stage of development.

Care givers will balance your child’s schedule so that they get the sleep they need, eat healthy meals, get cuddle and tummy time, explore different and interesting objects.

Care givers will focus on four main areas of your child’s development

Physical development: Builds small and large muscle skills, strength, stamina, and knowledge needed to live a healthy lifestyle.

Social and emotional development: Supports child’s ability to express and regulate feelings and develops reactions with others.

Cognitive (thinking) development: Supports the mental processes needed to think, make sense of the world around them, and understand math, science and social studies.

Language development: Involves children’s abilities to convey their ideas thoughts, and feelings through speaking, writing, and their ability to demonstrate early reading skills

Infants learn so much in such a short period of time and at different rates. Some of the following are ways that your child will learn.

1. **Through relationships with their care giver.** During the course of the day, the care giver will build trust by responding quickly to the babies needs, talking to your child when they coo or babble, while feeding, and diaper changing.
2. **Through hands on play.** This happens through grabbing plastic rings, making toys squeak, and telling stories with finger puppets.
3. **Exploring the world around them.** Giving them a chance to explore the room and outdoors every day if possible. Spending time outside helps children’s health and brain development.