

TODDLER COMMUNITY

December 2009

ENVIRONMENT

During the early years of life, Dr. Montessori believed that *“the first thing the child’s education demands is the provision of an environment in which he or she can develop the powers given by nature.”* The child will absorb, like a sponge, whatever is in the environment, ugliness or beauty, coarse behavior or gentleness, good or bad language.

A safe, beautiful and ordered environment is prepared to respect, support and respond to the young child’s basic needs for independence, exploration, and the building of trust and self-esteem. Quality and beauty of books and other materials are important in attracting, and keeping the attention of the child. Toys, puzzles, tables and chairs-made of wood-develop an appreciation for nature and quality and protect the child from unsafe chemicals that are found in many synthetic materials.

Please consider these developmental guidelines when purchasing Christmas surprises for your young child. We love our terrific toddlers!

Miss Pat Miss Kelly
Miss Cheryl Miss Connie

Celebrations of Life

GREEN ROOM ~ BROOKLYN ~ DECEMBER 27

YELLOW ROOM ~ BEN ~ DECEMBER 21

LOGAN ~ DECEMBER 14

JAESEONG ~ DECEMBER 15