

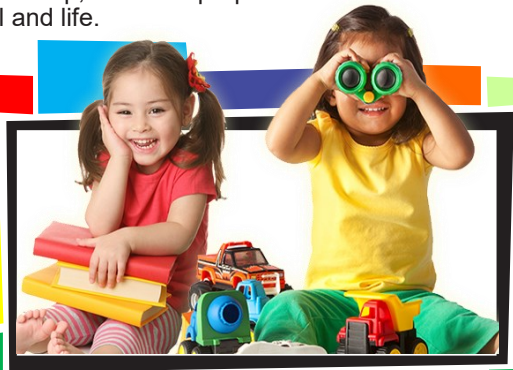
EVIDENCE-BASED LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

TOP TOTS evidence-based learning practices capitalize on the best available sources of information, such as:

- ✓ Primary and secondary research
- ✓ Governmental agencies
- ✓ Professional societies
- ✓ Academic Centers of excellence

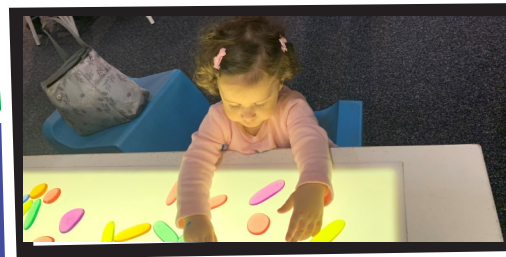
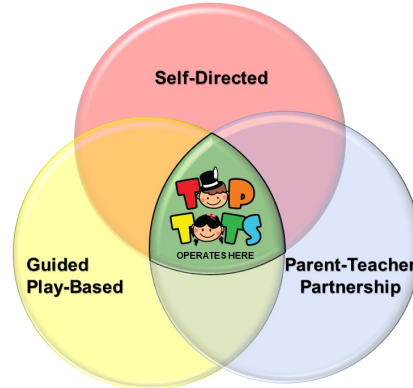
This information enables us to develop curricula that are proven to support the social, emotional, physical, intellectual and language development of all children, and to achieve lasting positive outcomes.

Our curriculum at TOP TOTS adheres to educational standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) for English language arts, mathematics, science and technology, history and social science, comprehensive health, and the arts. However, we go above and beyond by consulting evidence and recommendations from the National Center for Education Research (NCER), Institute of Education Sciences (IES), and the Harvard University Center on the Developing Child so that we'll be in the best position to help your child learn and develop, and to prepare them for success in school and life.



OUR PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

TOP TOTS believes every child should be treated and developed as a special, unique individual. Our hybrid approach combines the self-directed and collaborative elements of Montessori-style learning, the active nature of play-based learning, and close parent-teacher partnerships as espoused by Reggio Emilia.



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GROW



DEVELOP



SPECIALIZED DEVELOPMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GROWTH OF YOUR CHILD.

Our TOP TOTS are divided into three classrooms, grouped by age:

TODDLERS (15 MONTHS TO 2.9 YRS)

Toddlers are full of energy, are active, and curious. Their motor skills and language develop rapidly, they begin to express themselves, and everything seems attractive to them. Accordingly, our toddler curriculum seeks to develop areas that include:

- Gross and fine motor skills, hand and eye coordination
- Ability to understand events, objects, spoken and written words
- Vocabulary, memory and speech
- Reading and math skills
- Reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Creativity and logical thinking
- Identity and sense of self
- Independence, confidence, self-esteem and a positive attitude
- Ability to express themselves and interact with others in a healthy, empathetic manner

PRE-SCHOOL/PRE-K (2.9 TO 5 YRS)

Children of Pre-School and Pre-K age thrive on new experiences. They are active, busy, verbal, and take initiative to test out new ideas and behaviors. Therefore, our program is wide-ranging and is designed to:

- Perfect their large and small motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- Develop their proficiency and appreciation for math, literacy, science/engineering, and visual, creative, and performing arts
- Develop confidence in their abilities and gain more independence
- Develop their ability to think out loud, talk through situations, express their thoughts and feelings, and understand cause-and-effect
- Help them plan and organize their own activities
- Teach them to cooperate, share, and manage conflict in a healthy and compassionate manner
- Develop their vitality, healthy living practices, and



A STRONG EARLY EDUCATION YIELDS LIFELONG BENEFITS



TOP TOTS was founded by lifelong educators and scientists. We know that studies in large numbers of children clearly demonstrate that a graduated, evidence-based approach to providing developmentally appropriate, age-based curriculum and environment before their fifth birthday will help build a strong learning foundation, and leads to lasting benefits such as: better performance in school, less likelihood of repeating a grade or requiring special education, a higher likelihood of graduating high school and attending college, and maximizing potential in their adult years. These long-term benefits of early education are our belief and the basis of our motto that "Great Starts Never End".

Our educational and developmental activities will allow your child to express who they are, and to learn and grow in a relaxed, safe, secure, supportive, and open multi-cultural environment.

Our mission at TOP TOTS is to:

1. Ensure that our students feel like they are on TOP while within our care
2. Maximize our students' academic, physical, social, and emotional development, and
3. Provide students with essential tools during their most formative years to reach their TOP potential in life



"The measure of intelligence is the ability to change"

– Albert Einstein