



Six weeks – 12 months **Curriculum Objectives**

Our primary focus for our infants is to ensure their safety, stimulate their cognitive growth and guide their emotional development. Attentiveness is of paramount importance while we nurture and care for our infants.

Infant Teacher's guide your baby's early physical, cognitive, and emotional development. Our staff spends lots of time cuddling, reassuring and talking to your infant to instill trust and safety.

Physical Development:

As infants learn to lift their tiny little heads, hold their bottles, roll, crawl, and grab onto items, they naturally put themselves at higher risk of an accident. It is a part of the growing stages. Our safe environment and attentive staff ensure that your infant remains safe as he or she explores around them.

Cognitive Growth:

A child's brain undergoes a fantastic period of development from birth to three years, producing more than a million neural connections each second. The development of the brain is influenced by many factors, including a child's relationships, experiences, and environment. Angel Watch Academy staff understands that this is the most significant opportunities to stimulate cognitive growth and development. We encourage infants to explore their environment, and we stimulate them through age-appropriate sensory, fine and gross motor activities.

Emotional Development:

Emotional growth manifests and grows at a rapid rate in infants. Strong, positive relationships help children develop trust, empathy, compassion and a sense of right and wrong. At birth, babies learn who they are by how they are treated. Loving relationships provide young children with a sense of comfort, safety, and confidence. Our staff responds to an infant's needs to ensure them and guide their emotional development.

Activities for your Infant:

Stories:

Reading aloud to infants not only stimulates the infant's cognitive development but it also boosts literacy skills and language development.

Cuddling, Holding & Eye Contact: Infants need gentle touching, holding and eye contact just as they need food to grow and develop. Research has demonstrated that a nurturing touch helps infants gain weight and develop healthy relationships with caregivers, as holding and stroking an infant stimulates the brain to release essential hormones necessary for growth. Our staff enjoys rocking, cuddling and engaging with infants. Who doesn't!

Music:

Music stimulates early language development while promoting development in all domains. Singing a lullaby or playing classical music not only soothes and promotes emotional attachment but also encourages cognitive and language development while supporting an infant's growing spatial awareness.



Playtime:

Our nursery, toys, and equipment meet the state and federal safety regulations. With safety in place, our focus is on day to day strengthening hand-eye coordination, fine and gross motor skills as well as loads of fun.

Communications:

Our infant program uses facial expressions, and repetition of words and sounds to help babies grow as they come into a new level of understanding with the world around them.