

Special Programs at OTR

Each of the following programs highlights an area of learning that children relate to with ease. Our little artists, scientists, musicians and linguists are absorbing all we have to offer and then making it their own. In each programs, the senses are used to expand and develop our children's knowledge of their world. And guess what? They love these programs.

Famous Artists

Our Preschool Program will begin their study of famous artists this month. Tiny Tigers will begin their introduction to Famous Artists with Henri Matisse, Little Lions will start with a look at Jackson Pollock and Big Bears will open with Georgia O'Keefe. Look for displays of the work of our own budding artists over the next few weeks.



National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Schoolyard Habitat



All of our children love wildlife and nature. They become excited by the squirrels, the baby raccoons, the song of the warblers and the deer munching our flowers! They enjoy seeing the seasons change and learning about what happens to our earth and wildlife as the seasons change. We incorporate activities into our program that give all of our children the chance to explore these areas. Big Bears will be starting their **NWF** program with bulb planting. Their hard work this fall will reap beautiful rewards for all of us in the spring. What a wonderful lesson to learn. We all will be looking at "backyard friends" in each of our classrooms: squirrels, bats, owls, birds, and butterflies to name a few.

Sharing Language

This month also begins Spanish and Sign Language. Ms. Sara will provide Spanish instruction for the Big Bears, Little Lions and Tiny Tigers and the Snuggle classes. Ms. Bev will provide Sign Language instruction to all of our classes. We have lots of fun with these programs and always marvel at the level of comprehension our children exhibit when using both languages.

Music Everywhere

At OTR we love the opportunity to listen to music and make music of our own. Every class has their favorites from Snuggle Babies right up to Big Bears. We listen to CD's, share classroom song time daily and have our favorite musician visit twice a month. Mr. Jim Rohe is the wonderful musician and storyteller who has been sharing his art with us for more than twenty years. Our staff members share their musical talents and drumming styles in Drummers' Circle, introducing our little ones to various types of drums and rhythms from around the world. Our children love these special programs and the staff members all agree that they provide a special Over the Rainbow touch to our lives by bringing music, languages and the arts and sciences to our everyday experiences.

