

# Twos are Terrible Terrific

## at The Montessori Academy of Arlington

### The Not So “Terrible Twos”

There is no doubt that the toddler years can be challenging for parents, but it is also a time when children have a passion for learning about the world around them. Their natural curiosity and drive for independence are attributes that can be channeled into developing a lifelong love of learning.

All toddlers are scientists and the world is their laboratory. Have you seen a toddler engaged in a seemingly meaningless task such as taking clothes out of a drawer and then putting them back in, only to repeat it over and over again? Do you wonder how they can be so entertained by such an activity? Repeating a task many times is their

way of experimenting with cause and effect. In addition, this child is working on concentration and lengthening the attention span. At this age, children learn through discovery using all five senses. They are much more interested in what they experience than in what adults tell them.

Saying “no” is also typical of toddlers. Being able to say “no” is an important step toward independence and being able to resist peer pressure in the future.

At The Montessori Academy, credentialed Montessori teachers create a stimulating learning environment that is full of activities which invite children to explore. These activities promote the development of



important skills which will prepare them for future learning. Our independent toddlers select a task, complete it and then put it away. They prepare their own snack, wash their dishes and dress themselves. Through these self-guided activities, they develop self-confidence and a deep love of learning.

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