

## Baby Room

This room is for babies 6 weeks to 18 months. The baby/ teacher ratio is 6 babies to two teachers. Each teacher will be trained in the Montessori Method for this age level and will also be trained in CPR and Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Dr. Montessori describes the child in this stage of development as having an **absorbent mind**. It is a mind that absorbs effortlessly. This mind takes in an enormous amount as effortlessly as a camera taking a photograph with a wide-angle lens. Click. Got it. A child's personality is molded by the impressions a child takes in. Dr. Montessori said, "The child incarnates the environment and forms his whole person physically." Factors that affect the absorbent mind are what Dr. Montessori called a child's *horme*. This is the life energy of the child. God breathed within each baby a desire to absorb their surroundings and an eagerness to discover. Love given to the baby also stimulates the absorbent mind.

Our baby rooms are designed to engage the absorbent mind of your child. There are places to crawl and explore, areas for your baby to choose appropriate manipulatives, and areas for your baby to look at books. There are also areas designed for your baby to eat and rest.

Furthermore, each teacher will engage with each baby in songs, finger plays, stories, and fine and gross motor skills. Each baby will be held when given a bottle. Each baby will be prayed for and loved.

CMCA will demonstrate to each baby how Jesus loved the children as in Mark 10:16, "And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

