

What You Can Expect of Me

“The more children know that you value them, that you consider them extraordinary people, the more willing they will be to listen to you and afford you the same...” ~ Scott Peck

Expect That I Will:

- need unconditional love, nurturing, and support from the adults who care for me.
- learn and grow when given space, time, and the right materials.
- need to explore my world without a set plan or finished product.
- move my body and explore, maybe when you want me to stay still or be quiet.
- need help learning how to solve problems with my friends or with items I'm using.
- need you to stay near me for support when I'm playing or trying something new.
- need to be taught how to express my feelings in socially and culturally appropriate ways.
- need to be fed, changed, and put to sleep, sometimes at different times than my peers.
- benefit more from toys and materials that are right for my age and developmental stage.
- need you to keep me safe. I may sometimes want things that are not good for me.
- imitate what I see others doing and saying.
- practice skills I enjoy often to get better at them.
- have a strong attachment to adults who consistently meet my needs.
- make you feel proud and exhausted all at the same time.



My caregiver can help me by... letting me be me, the best that I can be!

To learn more about expectations, view the Resources and References found at the end of these materials.