

PLAYING is learning.

Flannel Board Area

Children will listen to interactive stories.

The Flannel Board Area Promotes:

- Receptive and expressive language development through storytelling
- Increased social interaction skills
- Language comprehension, which leads to better understanding of complex sentence structures

Dramatic Play Area



Children will use props and various manipulatives.

The Dramatic Play Area Promotes:

- Cognitive development like logic and reasoning, by engaging in symbolic play
- Development of executive and self regulation skills by responding to adult guidance to accept an alternative to an initial desire or impulse
- Cognitive flexibility through using new objects in experiential ways, making choices and completing tasks

Gan Katan Offerings

Classes are limited to 8 participants to ensure individual attention for each child.

JumpStarts

Children 18-24 months
Thursdays 9:15-10:30
am October - May

Little Starts Children

12-17 months
Thursdays 11:00 am-12:15 pm
October -May

Member \$1110/ Non-Member \$1235

Registration Opens
2/8 for Members
2/10 for Non-Members



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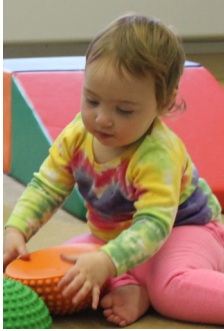
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Gan Katan

*Learning
and growing
through play*

The Gan Katan Learning Experience



Our *caregiver and me* classes are more than just a play group.

Our teachers plan intentional learning experiences for each child using Connecticut's Early Learning and Development Standards.

New activities and learning props are introduced each week to encourage constant development and learning.

Each activity is carefully constructed to promote social and emotional skills, cognitive growth, creativity, language development and physical growth.

Included is information about the many different skills that your child will develop while you work together to complete the various planned activities at Gan Katan.

According to the National Education Association, 85% of the brain is formed by the age of 5.



Play is the way in which children explore, investigate, and build an understanding of how the world works.

Meeting Time

Children will sing songs, listen to stories, dance, and participate in finger plays.

Meeting Time Promotes:

- Social and emotional development by building relationships, self-concept and competency
- Creativity as children experiment and engage their bodies in new ways
- Language development by introducing children to thoughts, expressions and feelings, new vocabulary and sentence structure

Play enhances children's physical, social and emotional, cognitive and creative growth.

Manipulatives Area

Children will play with blocks and other manipulatives.

The Manipulative Area Promotes:

- Cognitive growth as children begin to understand cause and effect and take initiative
- Curiosity as children explore new objects
- Increased mathematical discovery as children stack, sort, measure, count, compare, recognize quantity and cardinality
- Development of fine motor skills through manipulating and moving objects

Physical Development Area



Children will navigate an obstacle course and other objects.

The Physical Development Area Promotes:

- Gross motor and large muscle development, mobility and coordination
- Awareness of senses and brain development