

Infants & Toddlers

Age Group Characteristics

Emotional

- *Insecurity*
- *Adjustment to new surroundings is difficult*
- *Emotions are controlled by physical needs*

Mental

- *Language development*
- *Brief attention span*
- *Short memory*

Social

- *Very self centered*
- *Play is solitary-sometimes parallel in the sense of doing what others do, but not cooperative*

Spiritual

- *Openness and receptivity*

Physical

- *Newly acquired ability to walk*
- *Learning new skills with their hands-stacking blocks, opening a box, unscrewing a lid, etc.*
- *Require a lot of rest*
- *Beginning toilet training*



Teaching Infants & Toddlers

- *Pay special attention to physical needs.*
- *Allow ample space to move around.*
- *Use workers who are loving and make the children feel secure.*
- *Use simple and repetitive learning tasks.*