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*Welcome to the world of a three- year- old at Buttercup Hill.
Share and discover the magic of childhood.
Stimulate and develop a positive self- image.
Grow through developmentally rich three- year- old experiences.*

Class Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 – 11:30am Drop Off 8:50 – 9:00am
Our Staff: Sarah Reichle (owner, director, teacher), Tiffany Perez, Heather Gunter, Bryn Alexander and Allie Saucy (music)

Welcome to the world of children. Celebrate with us the young child's great thirst for knowledge. It is thrilling to be with children as they have firsthand experiences. So many things we see every day and take for granted are marvelous discoveries to the young child. It is the understanding and patience of adults that is needed for children to build upon their experiences. As your child enters Buttercup Hill, he or she comes with a background unique and individual. It is in sharing this background that we will learn about one another in friendship and understanding and then grow together.

The following are some *realistic* goals for children at the ages of 3 and 4 years old:

- Develop a good self-image and a wholesome attitude toward their bodies.
- Give them a thirst for knowledge.
- Help them get a good start toward reaching their potentials.
- Provide opportunities for them to develop their whole bodies through the following:
 - Firsthand experiences in a social relationship.
 - Physical development of large and small muscles.
 - Music and movement experiences.
 - Finding acceptable outlets for their emotions.
 - Stimulating experiences which encourage them to think, analyze problems, and arrive at different possible solutions.
- Encourage them to express themselves through materials, movement, music, and language by providing ample time and adequate opportunities.
- Stimulate language development through hearing and using language, through vocal play and music.
- Develop an awareness of the five senses.
- Encourage independence and help them separate successfully from home to school.
- Help them increase their knowledge by asking questions and exploring their environment and to help them develop a sense of curiosity through providing ample firsthand experiences.
- Give them some basic experiences for future learning.
- Provide social relationships with other children the same age.
- Meet their needs as individuals and as a group.
- Encourage them to develop a positive attitude toward school and learning.
- Provide some experiences which they do not have at home.

A good day for a child is much like a day for adults. It includes:

- Something important to do and time to do it in.
- Opportunity for self-expression and time for fun.
- A certain amount of success and time for rest.
- Acceptance by the group and something to grow on.

From Here to There to Anywhere

“Rearing children is like holding a bar of very wet soap.
Too firm a grasp and it shoots from your hand.
Too loose a grasp, and it slides away.
A gentle but firm grasp keeps it in your control.”
By Mary C. Walker

Mindset: The New Psychology of Success

“If a parent wants to give their child a real gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.”
Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.

Language, play every day...books and songs all day long. Shapes, colors, motor, life and visual skill, opposites, same/different, alphabet, sequencing, classification, counting and number skills, music and movement, art, and in-depth experience with children’s literature, poetry, song, and rhyme. Emersion into big books and literature of all kinds.

Welcome to a new school year and thank you for choosing Buttercup Hill!

