

Hello Parents,

My name is Victoria Tsigonoff. You are welcome to call me Miss Victoria, or as I'm known to many children, Miss Toria. ☺ I'm looking forward to being the new teacher at the Tiny Tots Program. I can't wait to start some fun through energetic, musical, exploratory, and sometimes messy (in the name of art) learning in the classroom with your little ones.

As I have taken on the position as your child's new teacher you can expect that your child will get a curriculum that meets their development cognitively, socially, emotionally, and physically. My philosophy is in teaching the "whole" child which means ensuring that students are safe, happy, and cared for in their environment. It also means that your child is supported and encouraged during their preschool journey and remains engaged as creativity and discovery take place in the classroom. While school readiness is important, I am a firm believer that children learn through play best.

The focal areas of learning that I will incorporate into the curriculum every week are:

- Math
- Science
- Language Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Gross Motor Skills

Most all of these areas of study can be incorporated into circle times, music and singing, art projects, free play, and outdoor play. I am very hands on so I enjoy doing many sensory related activities like making and playing with flubber, oobleck (corn starch and water), playdough, sand and water, along with the many other art projects we'll do in class. I'm also very musical. Music and movement in the classroom is great for all areas of development that are mentioned above. I will also implement worksheets for language and literacy skills like name, letter, and number recognition. However, I do not rely on them as a main source for those areas of learning. In my experience, children learn more through play that has math, science, and language skills incorporated into them rather than writing or tracing the letter 'A' over and over on a sheet of paper. Play is important for healthy brain development and allows children to be creative while preparing them for success later on in life socially and emotionally.

As your child's teacher I am here to make sure they enjoy their preschool experience to the fullest as they create, imagine, explore, and discover. I strive to create a positive environment in the classroom where safety, trust and respect is being met. This reigns true for you, the parent, as well. Communication is important and I'm more than happy to answer any questions you have for me and I will update you on your child's progress and areas to work on. As I build a relationship with your child I hope to build one with you as well for the success of your child. Let's work together to ensure that success!

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, please contact me at 972-7647.



***A Little About Me:** I moved to Sacramento from Southern California 16 years ago and have been working with children as a preschool teacher for the last 13 years. I have an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education and a certificate for Infant and Toddler Care (PITC). I love to sing and I also volunteer for Sacramento Reading Partners. Helping children succeed in life is a passion of mine. It is absolutely a joy to me when children get excited about discovering and exploring new things. While I don't have children of my own yet, I have loved and cared for every student I have had the privilege of working with as if they were my own family. I do hope to be a parent and care for my own little ones someday, but for now, I'm a mama to two male guinea pigs, Finnegan and Georgie Porgie, who might make a classroom appearance from time to time. **Some Favorites:** I enjoy hiking, kayaking and other outdoor activities. I also like road trips, Karaoke, games, movies, sushi, and tacos with friends and family.*