



## *Petunia Classroom*



Learning Together's Petunia classroom is filled with 15 children who are eager and ready to learn and explore the world around them. This inclusive class has children both with and without delays working side by side, to teach and learn from each other every day.

The Petunia classroom serves children ages 2 to 4 during a pivotal point in their social, emotional, and neurological development. The classroom is designed to teach children how to communicate effectively with their peers as their vocabulary is becoming stronger and stronger. We teach them how to use words to solve conflict, how to recognize and deal with emotions, and how to become a good friend. These foundational skills will be important throughout their lives.

Learning Centers throughout the classroom promote development of the whole child, including literacy, mathematics, early learning, language, physical and social/emotional development. Learning Together places an emphasis on the importance of play as an instructional strategy that promotes learning in early childhood.

For children with Developmental Delays, support services include Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. These services are provided either directly or through teacher support, where therapists consult with our teachers, giving them the tools needed to help implement goals within the classroom setting. Our Teachers are also trained to work with families, offering resources and guidance needed through the early years.

For these children, each day brings the opportunity for new achievements and helps prepare them for success. All children have an individualized plan, designed to give them the support needed to achieve their highest potential. Data is collected weekly to track progress towards all areas of development including literacy, mathematics, early learning, language, physical and social/emotional development.

***"The Petunia class is full of children learning about the world, themselves, and their peers. This year, I am most proud of how they have learned to share and get along with their peers. They are full of energy and enthusiasm. It's amazing to see their love for their friends and how they enjoy the little things in life."***

**-Ms. Ashleigh, Petunia teacher**