

Parent Testimonials

• Helps better understand development....

- "The playgroup staff makes sure that parents know the next logical developmental steps for your child."
- "It's good to see other children that may be behind my child, as well as those that are ahead of my child. It gives a different perspective to things so that you're not always comparing your child to other people's children."
- "It provides a useful reference— I was able to see children of similar ages doing similar things. You come to appreciate what a one year old can do— or normally does. The good and the bad. You realize it is 'just what kids do' and can better accept it."
- "Being able to stand back and watch others lead them helped me see what I needed to do to encourage their skills to improve and see what other techniques of guidance works with them."
- "It has helped me gain a better understanding of what is 'normal.' Especially as a mother of multiples, you can often feel isolated and need help seeing what is normal."
- "I moved from Alexandria to DC when my second child was one year old so he didn't attend group for very long. One year after the move, he started exhibiting special needs. I suspect the leader of the group would have helped me realize that with him well beforehand and avoided a lot of pain and suffering."

• Helps prepare for preschool...

- "My child is now in the first grade and was given a great foundation at the playgroup, both socially and developmentally."
- "For my older son, playgroup gave him another opportunity to socialize and play with other kids as well as learn to share, take turns and complete craft projects in a group setting. This is similar to what he does at preschool."
- "Socially, they were ready to interact with other children. They also lost their fear of other adults and weren't so attached to just MOM."
- "They learned the basics of operating in a group setting, taking direction from the leader and waiting one's turn."
- "It showed them structured playtime. Singing, storytelling, playtime and crafts and art, just like a day at preschool."