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THE ELLISON SCHOOL INTRODUCES TODDLER PROGRAM
New program to begin for two-year-olds this fall

January 21, 2010, Vineland, NJ – The new year brings with it plans to expand Ellison's programming to include two-year-old toddlers this fall. The students will be located in the school's Learning Center in classrooms being fully renovated to best meet the needs of this new age group.

The program will be academic based with a mix of both structured and free learning, play and discovery. In addition to the core programming that takes place in the classroom, the toddlers will also enjoy physical education, music and storytelling multiple times each week.

"We are extremely excited to open our doors to a whole new group of students," says Caroline Chapman, Head of School. "It helps us grow as a school community, as well as meet an increasing demand for this type of programming. The care our toddlers receive will go way beyond babysitting to include an introduction to developmental language and math concepts in a small class setting. The children will also gain important social skills as they learn to share and play with others, as well as develop healthy habits." Mrs. Chapman noted that teachers will also assist with potty training.

The program will be staffed with one certified teacher, along with at least one assistant teacher. "We're hoping to have openings for at least 10 students this fall," says Mrs. Chapman, who encourages families to apply early.

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In addition to a program for toddlers, Ellison also hopes to expand its Preschool 3 program. "As our enrollment grows, so must our classroom space," says Mrs. Chapman. "We feel very strongly about making sure that each child receives individualized attention, which happens best in small classes."

The Ellison School, founded in 1959, establishes an educational foundation for success that lasts a lifetime. Ellison's programming embodies excellence in every way. Its technologically advanced facility complements the school's uniquely challenging academics. The Ellison School's approach to teaching inspires confidence, self-reliance, responsibility, critical thinking, a respect for ethical and moral values, and a lifelong love of learning. Ellison students benefit from small class sizes and individualized attention. Students develop the academic tools and social skills necessary to reach their full potential. Currently, Ellison serves children in Preschool through Grade 8, with plans to welcome Toddlers this fall. Ellison also offers two eight-week summer camps -- *Ellison Explorers & Little Explorers* -- for children ages 2-12.

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