

# TEACHING OUR TODDLERS:

## Why Ages Two and Three Are So Important

### WELC Helps Launch Our Youngest Learners Down the Right Path

We celebrate graduations in education, joyous achievements marking the completion of important school stages for our children and loved ones.

But kids' confident academic success begins much earlier in their learning journeys—starting at two and three years old.

“Our work with kids at these ages has a life-lasting effect,” said teacher Ana Haznov of The Weinberg Early Learning Center (WELC) in Atlanta. WELC provides an elite, groundbreaking education program that forges a foundation for success for these teachable toddlers and prepares them for their next phases of academic and social advancement.

Educators and parents recognize how much ages two and three matter for social and emotional development, establishing values, and measuring language milestones. Research tells us that by age three children are forming five- and six-word sentences, remembering and telling stories, counting to 10, and understanding grammar.

So how does the WELC education program work for these young kids and their families?

It all starts with a dedicated focus on the young learners in an innovative school environment:

- Small classes of a typically a dozen students, with a play-based approach that engages and educates
- Fun, creative, innovative, and experiential learning
- A center-based curriculum that includes language, reading and literature, math, science, music, and art
- Focus on emotional, mental, social, and cognitive growth
- A full experience of all senses to help all children develop their minds at their appropriate pace

WELC also hires and rewards teachers with a passion for child education, “making us feel wanted and needed,” according to Haznov.

The school embraces proven, concrete, evidence-based educational methods such as Reggio Emilia and Montessori as part of its foundation for growth and learning. WELC commits to an inclusive and inspiring learning environment for children ages three months to four years. As a nationally recognized religious education program for more than 15 years, WELC connects education with Jewish values while developing confident and respectful children in a religiously and ethnically diverse environment.

The education team at WELC takes particular pride in being part of the foundation for education at such an early and critical time for children's achievement.

“They are our lawyers, doctors of our future,” said Haznov, “and I feel gratified in knowing that I was part of their growth.”

Those interested in learning more about the WELC platform for early education can inquire about an open house or schedule a private tour by contacting Sarah Shinsky or Audrey Henderson at 404-872-8662.