LITTLE HOUSE
(13 months and walking to 40 months)

• The child must be chronologically and developmentally 13 months of age by the first
day of the school year.

• The child who is between 13 and 16 months must have experience in separating from
the parent (through baby sitters or other child care experience).

• The child who is between 13 and 16 months is recommended to be enrolled either in a
3-day or a 5-day program.

• The child must be able to walk and get up independently.

• Parents must demonstrate their readiness to separate from their child and to
encourage the child’s independence.

• The child must be able to separate from the parent over a reasonable amount of time.

Very young three-year-olds (36 to 40 months) are still mastering many gross motor skills
and therefore are still very physically active. This is a natural stage of development and
must be taken into consideration when determining whether placement in Little House
or Children’s House is more appropriate. Although there are many similarities between
the older classes in the Little House and the Children’s House programs, the Little House
program provides more time for physical activities and large muscle development. There
are also fewer requirements for sitting for group activities and group lessons.

Children grow so fast at this age that we can only take an educated guess at the rate the
children will progress in the time between enrollment and the start of school in the fall, or
for children currently enrolled, between Parent/Teacher conferences in February and start
of the new school year. We encourage parents of children who will be between 36 and 40
months before August 1 to observe both the Little House and Children’s House programs
and discuss the Guidelines for Placement in Children’s House with their child’s teachers or,
for children who will be new to the school, with the Admission Director.