

 **FOUNDER / DIRECTOR** 

Dr. Patricia Vardin holds a doctorate from Columbia University Teachers College in the field of education with a specialization in developmental psychology. She is currently the Chair of the Early Childhood Education Department at Manhattanville College where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in child development and early learning. Dr. Vardin designed and implemented the "Comprehensive Early Childhood Program" at Ascension School and continues to oversee the program.

Dr. Vardin has been a consultant / child development specialist for numerous programs for young children including the Diller Qualie School of Music and the Children's Athletic Training School (CATS).

She has written articles and spoken at national conferences on infant and early childhood topics. She has also been a guest child development expert on radio and television. Dr. Vardin has more than 25 years experience working with babies, young children, parents and teachers.

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR** 

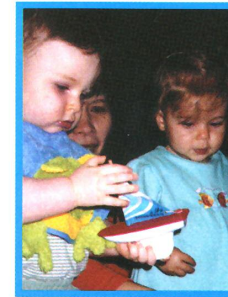
Ms Amanda Lincoln has a Master of Arts in Education degree at Manhattanville College. She holds a BFA in Communication Design at Pratt Institute and was a Peace Corps volunteer for 2 years. She has worked in a variety of educational settings with children and is currently a teacher of 3 year olds at the Good Shepherd School in New York City.



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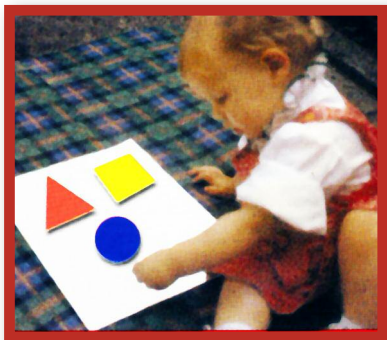
**BASED ON THE LATEST RESEARCH ON
INFANT INTELLIGENCE!**

Ascension School
220 West 108th St.
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WHAT THE LATEST RESEARCH SAYS ABOUT INFANT INTELLIGENCE:

- ★ *The most intense period of brain development is during the first years of life.*
- ★ *A baby's brain develops by dynamic interaction between genes and experience.*
- ★ *A baby's brain is neurologically "wired" by the quantity and quality of his or her experience.*
- ★ *Early enriching experience is critically important in laying the foundation for all later development and learning.*



★ OUR PROGRAM ★

The Bright Little Stars Infant/Toddler Activities and Advanced Twos Program is an educational program for children 9 months to 3 years old. The program includes fun and exciting activities to support:

- ❖ *Sensory development*
- ❖ *Small and large motor skills*
- ❖ *Problem solving*
- ❖ *Language acquisition*
- ❖ *Self-awareness and social interaction*

The 9 months to 2 year old program includes movement, music and the use of unique and innovative materials, discovery oriented-toys and games.

Each 55 minute session includes a variety of stimulating and enriching activities appropriate to a baby's age and stage of development.

The Advanced 2 to 3 year old program is 90 minutes in length and includes a variety of preschool activities such as art, music, reading, creative movement, block building and math games.

Parents and caregivers are active participants in each session. Suggested activities to do at home will be included.



★ REGISTRATION ★

Classes are held on Saturday mornings at Ascension School, 220 West 108th Street.

Semester tuition for the 9 months to 2 year old program is \$ 375. Tuition for the advanced 2 to 3 year old program is \$ 455.

Admission is on an on-going basis.

To register by mail, please use the enclosed form. We will contact you to schedule a time for your child's classes.

If you are an Ascension Church family or Ascension School family, you will be offered a tuition reduction. For further information, please call (212) 534-0257

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: _____ Age _____
 Birthdate _____ Sex _____
 Parent's Name _____
 Address _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____
 Pediatrician's Name _____
 Pediatrician's Telephone Number _____

Please send a check or money order for \$ 375 or \$ 455 to:
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