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Annie's Angels is a specially designed program focused on teaching English to small Asian children who are not native speakers by stimulating the right brain. Unlike other programs where the Left-Brain is the major focus, our program at GEOS focuses mainly on the Acquisition of English, by using proven right-brain methods. The curriculum is designed especially for Asian children, teaching the concepts they will need most first by concentrating on the world around us.

Classes are divided into different age-groups : Babies 4-12 months, Movers (12-24months) and Shakers (24-36 months). Children attend 1 hour-long class per week, classes are available during weekday and Saturday mornings. Class sizes are very limited, ensuring a very high standard and lots of personal attention. Many different components are taught in each academic lesson, including:

1. **Flashcards are used for English, Maths and Music Patterns.** A strong link between the structure of music theory and maths was discovered many years ago, but now we realize the patterns of English, Maths and music are also related to each other. Pattern recognition in one will help pattern recognition in another. Flashcards are used to teach words, concepts, spelling patterns, grammatical patterns, to "file" words into the right brain and to give context to the most frequently used concepts and words in English, Maths and Music. A comprehensive music theory program runs alongside the English program from 'Introducing Classics' to our little ones up to understanding the symphony and all of the major music theory concepts.
2. "Fun with English" introduces **the fun elements of language**, where children can actively use the English words they have learned. Elements include story time, nursery rhymes, silly rhymes and American style 'Show-n- tell'. Getting children confident in speaking, especially speaking a second or foreign language in front of others is a crucial part of using the language effectively. It is also an informal introduction to public speaking.
3. The 'Babies' class has a large component of **baby stimulation**. It is a specialized form of baby massage with a strong emphasis on balance and coordination. Studies have shown that babies who never crawl on their hands and knees are much more likely to stutter.  
Introducing fun, coordination activities helps the two halves of the brain and body to work well together, stimulating balance. Crawling also develops upper body strength, the muscles needed for writing, balance, etc. Many program force crawling, we stimulate all of the muscles needed for balance and coordination and in most cases crawling follows

as a direct result. Once crawling is established in babies, we move on to general hand-eye coordination and stimulating the muscles in the hands needed for eventual writing. Creative activities, construction time and an introduction to 'clever fingers activities' (which follows in greater detail later) are all part of the curriculum.

4. The largest component of each lesson concentrates on **English**. Words and concepts according to different units and themes are introduced through flashcards, songs and group activities. The program caters for all the different learning styles and it is not the kind of right-brain program where children passively sit and 'receive' information. It is an active class where children are allowed to learn in their own unique way whether it be through movement, listening or looking.
5. **Phonics** as a pre-reading skill is a component we concentrate on with our 24-36 month olds. It is a highly energetic and fun way to meet all of the characters of Letterland. Through songs, find the characters, a magnetic introduction board, magic bags and a colouring character to finish at home, we introduce all of the characters of the alphabet.
6. "**Clever fingers activity time**" is where children get the opportunity to practice and improve their fine motor skills. Many different activities and age-appropriate toys are especially selected to promote coordination and the finer 'clever finger skills' needed for writing.