

Early Learning Center

Preschool Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in the 3 and 4-yr-old rooms must be toilet trained before attending preschool. Children must be wearing underwear. A child having accidents daily would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that wearing pull ups is **NOT** considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be toilet trained before they begin in these rooms?

- There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/pull ups and these classrooms are not equipped for this.
- When an adult is busy changing a child's soiled clothing, it is taking away from learning time for all students, and it removes one adult from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have accidents. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teachers will help children to change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

A toilet trained child is a child who can do the following:

- Communicate with either verbal or visual cues to the teachers that they need to go to the bathroom
- Alert themselves to stop what they are doing, to go and use the bathroom
- Pull down their own clothes and get them back up with minimal to no assistance
- Wipe themselves after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 3-year-olds)
- Get on/off the toilet by themselves
- Be able to flush the toilet
- Wash and dry hands
- Delay going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if we are away from the classroom (in the event that the child urgently needs the use of a bathroom, a staff member will assist the child with finding another bathroom)

We certainly will ask your child many times throughout the day if they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist children as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently. This is an issue which protects all involved.

Have your child dressed in clothing that they can easily manage with minimal to no assistance. Please send a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season and keep in your child's backpack in a Ziploc bag. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.

As stated in the parent handbook, when a child experiences diarrhea after arrival, staff will contact the parent/guardian to inform them about the incident. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pick up the child upon notification. To ensure all children and staff remain as healthy as possible, children may not be sent to the Early Learning Center until 24 hours after the last episode of diarrhea.

Please note that this policy is not in place to shame or punish a child or inconvenience parents and/or guardians. This policy is intended to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and staff at the Early Learning Center. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have questions or concerns, reach out to your child's teacher.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

I HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL TOILET TRAINING POLICY:

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____