



POTTY TRAINING POLICY

Potty training can be an exciting and challenging time in both your and your child's life. If you and your child decide to embark on the adventure of potty training during the school year, please notify your child's teacher. We will work with your child during his/her potty training stage. However, if we feel your child is not quite ready for the challenge we will let you know. For the highest success rate, we encourage potty training to take place over a holiday, long weekend or SMES break to make the transition easier. At SMES, we define successful independent toileting as having the ability to lower his/her underpants (as well as deal with other clothing), completing the act of urinating and/or defecating in the toilet, wiping themselves, flushing and re-dressing themselves.

ALL PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Children in all Pre-K classes are expected to be able to completely potty independently (as described in the above paragraph). This policy is in place because these classrooms are operated in true preschool classroom settings. The Pre-K classrooms are not equipped with a diaper changing table/station or diapering supplies. If a child has three or more accidents within a three week timeframe, a probationary warning will be issued. If another accident occurs during the probationary period, the child will be required to stay home until securely potty trained. The child's place will be held for the remainder of the month. Required potty training is standard practice among area schools.

TODDLERS AND TWOS

If you feel your child is secure in his/her potty training efforts then fabric underpants may be worn. If a child soils his/her clothes two times prior to naptime your child will be returned to a diaper or Pull-Up for the remainder of the day. Potty training one-on-one at home can frequently be much more effective than the 2:12 ratio and the very busy, fun and easily distractible environment at TODDLERS AND TWOS. If a child has accidents for two consecutive school days, the child will need to return to disposable undergarments while at school until the child is secure with independent toileting.

Accidents Happen

Any child who has an accident will be removed from the classroom discreetly and escorted to the bathroom by a teacher or assistant. The teacher will assist the child in the removal of the soiled clothing. The child will be placed on the toilet and encouraged to complete the action to ensure that the bladder/bowels have been completely emptied and then to wipe. If the child's underpants are excessively soiled they will be thrown away. The remainder of the soiled clothing will be returned to the child's school bag in a zippered plastic bag. The teacher will check the child for sufficient cleanliness and assist as necessary. The teacher will assist the child in getting dressed as necessary. Children who have accidents will never be humiliated, punished or belittled. We want the potty training process to be a happy and successful phase of your child's life.

Please remember that this policy is in place not only for the teachers and SMES, but for all of the students in the program as well. Potty accidents are time consuming for the teachers; they take the teacher away from others within the classroom and can be a sanitary/health hazard issue. If you have questions regarding this policy please ask a staff member.

Parent Name Printed

Parent Signature

Date