

Potty Training Policy

Children must be potty-trained to attend our 3YO – PreK program as well as summer camp. A potty-trained child may have an occasional accident but should not have an accident multiple times a week. A fully potty-trained child is able to successfully and (somewhat) independently use the potty at home and away from home and communicate to staff that they need to use the restroom.

Please be aware that a particularly messy bowel movement or diarrhea will require pick up as it may not be possible to properly clean the child without a bath per Health Department and facility standards.

To allow time to transition to the new environment and extra stimulation that a new classroom brings, we do allow for a 2-week grace period following the start of school.

2-week grace period from the start of school:

- **The second accident of the day** will require the child to be picked up early. Children may return to school the following day.

August (following 2-week grace period) – October:

- Children can have one accident (bowel movement or pee) a week
- **The second accident of the week** will require the child to be picked up early. Children may return to school the following day.

November 1 – End of school year; Summer Camp

- Children can have one accident (bowel movement or pee) a week
- **The second accident of the week** will require the child to be picked up early. The child will need to stay home for 3 consecutive days to continue to work on potty training at home. For example, if a child has an accident on Monday, followed by an accident on Tuesday, the child must stay home Wed-Fri.

We recognize that as a parent it can be frustrating and inconvenient to pick up your child early from school. However, our policy is essential to ensure hygiene and cleanliness and create a healthier environment for both children and staff. Additionally, the policy ensures teachers can focus more on educational activities rather than spending excessive time cleaning up accidents and in the bathroom.

It's completely normal for children to face some hurdles along the way! Remember, each child progresses at their own pace, and with consistent encouragement, your little one will eventually conquer this milestone.

We greatly appreciate your understanding!