

Hello 3-year-old preschool families,

We hope that you have been enjoying your summer and are starting to get excited for the new school year. We are getting excited here at school and wanted to send out a reminder on our potty training policy.

Here at Sacred Heart Preschool and at the PLUS program, all children must be potty trained to attend. We do not have the staff, facilities, or supplies to be regularly changing children at school or PLUS. We put your child's safety and education at the top of our priorities, thus we ensure that we have one staff or teacher for every 8 children at all times.

We do however, understand that accidents happen. An "accident" would be unusual and infrequent for the child.

A child that is potty trained can do the following:

- wear cloth underwear (no pull-ups, training underwear, or diapers during awake times at school).
- will use the bathroom when directed to (some kids may not speak up at school but if we ask them to try to use the bathroom they should be able to comply independently).
- child can attend to all hygiene needs (the need for occasional help is ok).
- child should be able to independently dress and undress as needed to use the bathroom.
- child should remain dry and clean for the duration of time at school.

Things that we do to help each child be successful:

- children may use the bathroom at any time
- we will have designated times to use the bathroom and all children will be encouraged to use the bathroom at that time.

We will have more at the beginning of the year to start the year successful.

- we can check in with children that may need additional reminders at the beginning of the school year as well

Again, we are aware that accidents happen. That is why we ask you to keep a change of clothing in your child's backpack. However, if your child has accidents weekly across weeks or daily, if your child has accidents and does not communicate that with an adult, we do not consider your child to be potty trained at the level necessary for attendance. If this occurs we will reach out to you to discuss the necessary next steps.

If your child has accidents due to being ill or has diarrhea, they should be kept home and you should notify your teacher.

If after reading this policy you question your child's readiness for school or PLUS please contact us and we can discuss your personal situation and what your options are.

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