

## **Potty Training Policy**

To ensure a safe, clean, and developmentally appropriate learning environment, **all children entering our three-year-old and older classes must be fully potty-trained before attending.** A child having accidents daily would not be considered potty-trained.

Why do children have to be potty-trained before they begin preschool?

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

### **Definition of "Fully Potty Trained"**

A child is considered fully potty trained when they can:

1. Recognize the need to use the restroom and go without reminders.
2. Communicate their need to use the toilet to a teacher promptly.
3. Attend to their own toileting needs, including
  - a. Pulling pants down and up independently
  - b. Using the toilet without assistance
  - c. Wiping themselves to the best of their ability (minimal assistance for 3-year-olds)
4. Keep underwear clean and dry throughout the day.
5. Children should wear underwear (not pull-ups or diapers) during school hours unless a documented medical plan is provided. If a child prefers a pull-up but is not having accidents, the teacher will monitor and support their transition to underwear.

We will certainly ask your child many times throughout the day whether they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist children as required, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently.

### **Accidents**

We understand that occasional accidents can happen. However:

- Frequent accidents indicate that a child is not yet fully potty-trained.
- If this occurs, the parent/guardian will be notified of a toileting accident.

## **Clothing Requirements**

Families must provide:

- A complete set of seasonally appropriate clothing, including underwear and socks. An easy way to remember is to switch out seasonally appropriate school clothing when we change clocks in November and March.
- Clothing that the child can manage independently should avoid difficult snaps, belts, or suspenders.

## **What Happens if a Child Is Not Truly Potty Trained**

We understand that accidents can occur, especially during transition periods. However, if a child demonstrates they are not fully potty trained, we will allow 4 weeks from the first day of school for your child to achieve this goal. However, the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment. In that case, we will discuss the next steps with the classroom teacher(s) and parents, and as a school, we reserve the right to dismiss, suspend, or modify enrollment.

Please sign and date below, indicating that you have received & reviewed the Preschool Potty Training Policy:

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I have received and reviewed the First Presbyterian Academy Preschool Potty-Training Policy:

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_