

Pilgrim Potty Training Policy/2.5-Early 3 Yr old Class

Being able to handle one's bodily functions is an important learning experience. Between 2 and 3 years of age, children typically become physically, cognitively and emotionally ready to begin using the toilet. Pilgrim will work in partnership with you to help make mastering the skill of using the toilet a pleasant experience.

What Parents will do:

Children entering the 2.5/Early 3 year old class will be in the process of toilet training at home

- *Share information with the teacher on what you are doing at home; what works; inform if your child hasn't "gone" yet that morning, etc.
- *Dress your child in the easiest clothes for him/her and the teacher to manage: elastic waist pants with no elastic ankle cuffs. Easy on/off shoes
- No long shirts, No long skirts, No belts, No buttons, snaps or hooks
- *Please teach your child how to wipe themselves
- *Schedule a brief meeting with the teacher a day or two ahead of the time you are targeting to be "underwear day"
- *Make sure your child's cubby has a change or two of clothes in a labeled bag. Remember socks and shoes!

This list of clothing is not only for toileting, it is for each child to manage their outdoor clothing. Sneakers are highly recommended.

What Teachers will do:

- *Have toilet time built into the daily routine schedule; frequently remind children that it's bathroom time
- *Acknowledge/congratulate a child's success even if the child simply participated in the bathroom visit
- *Help children with clothes as needed; remind the children to wipe, flush and wash their hands. Teacher can only wipe your child if they are in school with a diaper on
- *Accept that accidents happen and treat the incident with respect

*Diapers will be changed as needed. Teachers will tell the parent when the supply of diapers is low

*Teachers will change a child who has had a urinary accident in their underwear. Teachers will do their best to change a BM in the child's underwear. However, if it is exceptionally messy and the child needs to be cleaned more than a wipe or two, the teacher will call the first contact on the Immediate Contact List unless you want to leave a different number

Please remember Pilgrim has had a long-standing policy regarding diapers. Diapering stations require extra space, hygienic supplies and staffing and extra staff requires a higher tuition. We understand this is an inconvenience, but we thank you for helping us help your child in this important milestone. Each child is unique and in a different place on the road to mastery. The good news is that they all get down that road eventually!

Pilgrim Toilet Policy/3-5 year olds

*The 3 year old classes and the Pre-K class are designed for children who are fully toilet trained and do not wear pull ups or diapers under their clothing

*Children are expected to communicate their need to use the bathroom and manage their clothes and wiping

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