

# How do I know when my child is potty trained?

Our School's preschool program is very different from our toddler program in a variety of ways. The toddler program includes fewer students and more teachers, which allows for the one-on-one time it takes to change diapers and give constant reminders to go potty to those students who are training. The preschool has double the number of students and the same number of teachers. It is important for preschoolers to be completely potty trained; we simply do not have staff available to attend to frequent accidents. Preschoolers are expected to be self-sufficient and are encouraged to perform tasks independently. Therefore, they **MUST** have certain skills mastered before they enter preschool.

Here is a list of requirements that let us know whether a child is potty trained and ready to participate in our preschool program.

- 1) Your child must be aged 2 years 6 months to be eligible for preschool.
- 2) Your child must have the ability to let a teacher know when he/she needs to the toilet is needed.
- 3) Your child must have the ability to go into the bathroom and independently use the toilet. This includes the ability to remove clothing, wipe thoroughly, and pull up underwear and pants.
- 4) Your child must be able to maintain control of both bowels and bladder throughout the day, including rest time.
- 5) If your child is having a few accidents for the first few weeks in the preschool program, we will work to frequently remind them to use the bathroom throughout the day. If, after a few weeks, your child is still having two or more accidents per week, you may be asked to withdraw your child temporarily until toileting is mastered.
- 6) If children have an accident, they will be supported as they change themselves into fresh clothing. Teachers will be there to assist as needed but your child must be able to do most of it independently.

If children are not meeting all these requirements, they are not quite ready for preschool. If we determine that your child is consistently not meeting these requirements, we will: a) give you the option to enroll your child into our toddler program while they finish toilet training if space is available, or b) ask you to withdraw your child until they are meeting all the criteria.

We know toilet training varies greatly and that each child trains at their own pace. We do understand that it can be very frustrating when your child is late to toilet train, but we must follow the rules and regulations set forth to childcare centers by the State of Colorado. If your child has a medical issue involving bowel and/or bladder control, please speak with us and we will create a plan to accommodate medical needs. Thank you for your cooperation, and please feel free to set up a time to discuss this policy if you have questions.