

Toileting Policy



Staff guidelines: Children are encouraged to use the bathroom facilities whenever they wish, and a teacher will accompany them when they leave the classroom. No child shall be punished, humiliated, or verbally abused for soiling, wetting, or not using the toilet. If a child has potty accident, one staff member will stay in the classroom with the other children. The other staff member will take the soiled child, his/her change of clothes, and the toiling bag with the gloves and wipes that is hanging on the backside of the classroom door, to the bathroom. If a child is not developmental ready to change after a soiling, the staff will nurture the child's development by helping the child under dress, cleaning off the soiling, and help the child dress. All children will wash their hands with soap and running water after going to the bathroom and before snacks, meals, or handling food. Staff members also wash their hands with soap and running water after assisting children with toileting or toileting themselves. Individual paper towels are used to dry hands.

Clothing soiled by feces, urine, vomit, or blood is double bagged in sealed plastic bags and stored in a soil bin in your child's classroom apart from other items for the parent to take home to launder.

All bathrooms at the preschool are cleaned every day. They are supplied with soap dispensers, paper towels, toilet paper, a wastebasket, and a step stool. The recommended rules for washing hands are posted in each bathroom.

3 years of age and fully toilet trained: We understand starting preschool can be an adjustment for your child. During the first 2 weeks of this transition period, our staff will assist your child with toileting needs. During the transition period if the child asks for help or the staff member sees the child needs help, the staff member will provide full staff assistance by finish cleaning their bottom. However, if your child continues to need full staff assistance on a regular daily basis or more than 2 times a week after the transition period, you will be ask to remove your child from St. John's until the child does not need full staff assistance. If accidents continue to occur after your child returns, he or she will be asked to leave for the remainder of the school year, and there will be no reimbursement of fees paid to St. John's Lutheran School.

4 & 5 years of age: If your child has potty accident, a staff member will take your child the bathroom. The staff member will assist the child if she/he requested, or if no assistance is required, the teacher will stand in the doorway until the child is ready to return to the classroom. However, if your child 2 accidents per week, for 2 weeks in a row, after the transition period, we may ask you to remove your child from St. John's until the child does not accidents. If accidents continue to occur after your child returns, he or she will be asked to leave for the remainder of the school year, and there will be no reimbursement of fees paid to St. John's Luther School.

We ask that the child be dressed in "user friendly" clothing, as much as possible. The best items are shorts and pants with elastic waists, or dresses. Try to avoid really tight clothing, pants with snaps and zippers, and overalls. These are difficult for children to remove "in a hurry".

By signing your signature below, you are stating that you are in agreement with St. John's Lutheran Preschool and will abide by the above.

I, _____, fully agree with the above and will abide with St. John's Lutheran Preschool toileting policy.

Parent(s) Signature: _____