

SMES Potty Policy

TODDLERS AND TWOS Potty training can be an exciting and challenging time in both your and your child's life. If you and your child decide to embark on the adventure of potty training during your Toddlers and Twos school year, please notify your child's teacher- they will work with your child during his/her potty-training stage. However, if they feel your child is not quite ready for the challenge, they will let you know. For the highest success rate, we encourage potty training to take place over a holiday, long weekend or SMES break to make the transition easier.

If you feel your child is secure in his/her potty-training efforts, then fabric underpants may be worn. Should an accident occur, the child will be encouraged to sit on the toilet to complete the action to ensure that the bladder/bowels have been completely emptied and then to wipe. If a child soils his/her clothes two times before naptime, your child will be returned to a diaper or Pull-Up for the remainder of the day. Potty accidents are time consuming for the teachers; they take the teacher away from others within the classroom and can be a sanitary/health hazard issue. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact your child's teacher.

Potty training one-on-one at home can frequently be much more effective than the 2:12 ratio and the busy, fun, and easily distractible environment in TODDLERS AND TWOS. If a child has accidents for two consecutive school days, the child will need to return to disposable undergarments while at school until the child is secure with independent toileting. We want the potty-training process to be a happy and successful phase of your child's life.

At SMES, we define successful independent toileting as recognizing the urge to use the bathroom, having the ability to lower his/her underpants (no pull-ups) as well as deal with other clothing, completing the act of urinating and/or defecating in the toilet, wiping themselves, flushing and re-dressing themselves.

PRESCHOOL CLASSES Children in all PreK classes are expected to be able to completely potty independently (as described above). The PreK classrooms are not equipped with a diaper changing table/station or diapering supplies. Required potty training is standard practice among area schools due to the developmentally appropriate age, level of independence, and preschool focused learning experiences.

If a preschooler has three or more accidents within a three-week timeframe, a probationary warning will be documented and given to parents. If another accident occurs during the probationary period, the child will be required to stay home until securely and confidently potty trained.

Any preschool child who has a classroom accident will be removed from the classroom discreetly and escorted to the bathroom by a teacher. The teacher will assist the child in the removal of soiled clothing. If the child's underpants are excessively soiled, they will be thrown away. The remainder of the soiled clothing will be returned to the child's school bag in a zippered plastic bag. The teacher will check the child for sufficient cleanliness and assist, as necessary. The teacher will assist the child in getting dressed as necessary. Children who have accidents will never be humiliated, punished, or belittled.

The potty policy is in place not only for the teachers and SMES, but most importantly for all of the students in the program as well. Potty accidents are time consuming for the teachers; they take the teacher away from others within the classroom and can be a sanitary/health hazard issue. If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact your child's teacher.

Parent Name Printed

Date

Parent Signature

Date