



Soapstone Preschool Potty Training Expectations

Soapstone Preschool is happy to work with you and your child's transition from diapers to using the toilet. This is a first step towards independence and learning to listen to their body's needs.

Potty-training works best when a child is developmentally ready to begin, and each child is unique. As such, Soapstone Preschool does not require children to be potty-trained by a certain age.

Soapstone Preschool teachers will work closely with parents as their child begins the potty-training process. *Please understand, though, that teachers may not always be able to accommodate parent requests with their individual process due to classroom responsibilities or safety and hygiene concerns.* Here are a few tips and expectations before your child comes to preschool in underwear:

- Please communicate with your child's teacher (Procare, email, in-person) if your child is potty-training and using underwear regularly.
- In order for a child to wear underwear to school, they must be able to tell their teacher when they need to use the toilet.
- If you wish for your child to wear underwear and they are unable to ask to use the toilet on their own, parents are welcome to put a Pull-Up on over the underwear. **We ask you to use a pull-up with Velcro on the sides.**
- Please pack multiple (and labeled) changes of clothes, including socks and an extra pair of shoes. Avoid dressing your child in any clothing that would make it difficult for them to use the toilet.
- If your child continues to have multiple accidents while at school, your child may not be ready to wear underwear to school. Children are engrossed in the play at preschool and tend to ignore their body more so they can keep playing. They just need more practice time learning to stop and recognize their own body signals.
- "Potty" watches are not allowed in the preschool.