



Soapstone Preschool Potty-Training Policy

Toilet-training is an important developmental milestone and a first step toward independence. At Soapstone Preschool, we recognize that every child develops at their own pace. As such, we do not require children to be potty-trained by a specific age.

Potty-training is a partnership between families and the preschool. Our goal is to support your child's success while maintaining a safe, healthy, and manageable classroom environment.

Key Understandings:

- Potty-training routines used at home may not always be practical in the classroom due to teachers' responsibilities and hygiene/safety guidelines.
 - Progress and success at home may not immediately carry over to the preschool setting. That's okay! Children often need time and consistency in both environments.
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Preschool Potty-Training Guidelines (Wearing Underwear to School)

1. Communication First:

Before your child begins wearing underwear to school, please notify your child's teacher (via Procure, email, or in person) that you are actively potty-training at home.

2. Developmental Readiness:

Your child must be able to communicate the need to use the bathroom in order to wear underwear at school.

3. Transition Period:

Children must wear pull-ups with Velcro sides for a minimum of two weeks while actively potty-training. If your child stays dry and communicates their need to use the potty consistently during this period, they may begin wearing underwear at school. Teachers will work with parents individually to determine this timeline.

Mandatory Expectations

- **Arrival & Dismissal:**

Parents are responsible for toileting their child during drop-off and pick-up times. Teachers are unable to assist during these transition windows.

- **Clothing Guidelines & Supplies:**

Avoid dressing your child in clothing that is difficult to remove independently (e.g., overalls, buttons, snaps). Please provide **2 complete changes of labeled clothes**, including socks and shoes.

Pull-Ups with velcro on the side are **required** for use when a child is actively potty-training

- **Accidents:**

Accidents happen! If your child has an accident and does not have a full change of clothes at school, parents will be called. You will need to come to school to change your child or take them home, depending on the severity of the accident.

- **Frequent Accidents:**

If your child continues to have regular accidents while at school, it may be a sign they are not yet ready to transition to underwear in the classroom environment. We will require pull-ups with velcro as your child continues to practice.

- **Potty Watches:**

Potty reminder watches are not allowed at school due to classroom distraction and hygiene concerns.

If families do not comply with these expectations, we will be unable to continue working with your child on potty training in the preschool.

We are here to work with you in supporting your child's growth and readiness. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or the Preschool Director.

I have read and understood Soapstone Preschool's Potty-Training Guidelines.

Signature: _____

Date: _____