



Preschool Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in preschool must be toilet trained before attending preschool. Children must wear underwear. A child having accidents daily would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that wearing pull ups is not considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be potty trained at Community Lutheran School Preschool?

There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/pull ups and our classroom is not equipped for diaper changing. When one teacher is changing a child's soiled clothing, it takes the teacher's attention away from the learning time and supervision needed for the rest of the class.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have accidents. "Accidents," by definition, are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teacher will help children to change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

What does it mean to be toilet trained at Community Lutheran School Preschool?

A toilet trained child is a child who can do the following:

- Communicate to the teachers that he/she needs to go to the bathroom before he/she needs to go.
- Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing, to go and use the bathroom.
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance.
- Wipe him/herself after using the toilet (with minimal assistance after a bowel movement)
- Get on/off the toilet by him/herself.
- Wash and dry hands.
- Postpone going if he/she must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if he/she is away from the bathroom.
- Wake up during nap time should he/she need to use the bathroom.
- Wake up from nap dry.

Throughout the preschool daily routine, there are scheduled times when children must try to use the bathroom (before snack, before and after lunch, and before and after nap). A teacher will monitor children as needed in the bathroom, but children should be able to use the bathroom independently.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when he/she is in a new environment. Teachers will assist the children as needed to transition into the preschool routine. Please have your child dressed in clothing that he/she can easily manage independently. Please send a complete change of

clothes appropriate for the season labeled with the child's name in a Ziploc bag. These will be left at school in case of accidents. When and if soiled clothes get sent home, please replace the spare bag the following day.

We understand that each child arrives at this milestone differently, therefore we will allow two weeks from the first day of school for each child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal. However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with the parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time. If a child needs to remain home to further master toilet training, the monthly tuition will be due at the beginning of each month, to hold the child's spot until he/she returns to preschool.

After the first two weeks of school, the following policies will be followed for children who have accidents.

- If two accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the issue needs to be addressed and corrected.
- If two or more accidents occur in concurrent weeks, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the issue isn't corrected by the next week, the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely toilet trained. Tuition will not be pro-rated during this time. Parents should contact the teacher to facilitate the child's return to preschool.
- If multiple accidents occur in one day, the parent will be notified on that day; and if not corrected within three days the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely toilet trained. Tuition will not be pro-rated during this time. Parents should contact the teacher to facilitate the child's return to preschool.
- If it is apparent that the child does not understand basic toilet training activities or is unable to complete them independently, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the child must be able to independently complete toilet training tasks by the end of the following week. If this goal is not accomplished, the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely toilet trained. Tuition will not be pro-rated during this time. Parents should contact the teacher to facilitate the child's return to preschool.

Please note that this policy is not in place to shame or punish a child or inconvenience primary caregivers. Rather, cleaning accidents in the preschool setting is time consuming, and this time that teachers spend attending to and cleaning accidents is time that teacher is not spending interacting with children and facilitating the curriculum in a safe manner. This policy is intended to ensure the safety and happiness of children and staff at Community Lutheran School Preschool.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please sign and date below indicating that you have received and reviewed the Toilet Training Policy.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____