

# Potty Training



## 2 1/2 and 3 Year old Preschool & 4 Year old Pre-Kindergarten

Each classroom has a bathroom with an adult and child size toilet. There is a sink in the bathroom and also in the classroom.

When a child has to use the bathroom, a teacher makes sure the door is open to enter and the light is on. The child is taught to close the door while they are using the bathroom. The child should be independent in using the bathroom, pulling clothes on and off and wiping themselves. When they are done, they are asked to wash their hands in the classroom.

The teachers are instructed to help the students with buckles, snaps, and zippers. If the child asks for help while using the bathroom for wiping, the child is encouraged to do it on their own. The teachers and aides cannot do this for the protection of everyone involved.

Ideally, every student should start the year wearing underwear and using the bathroom by their self. It is understood there are many students who have “just become” potty trained and wear training pants for security. *Accidents happen to all students and the preschool is prepared by asking every student for an extra set of clothes for these incidents.*

To get ready for the start of school, you may:

1. Start having your child practice using the bathroom at home using the school routine explained above.
2. Practice using the school bathroom at Meet TheTeacher Morning.
3. If your child is using training pants, have them wear underwear during school hours 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

When planning school clothes, please find ones that are easy to take off and put on while using the bathroom. Buckles, belts, overalls, snaps, and zippers all provide trouble when trying to use the bathroom.

Ultimately, the preschool must set and abide by guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of the children in attendance as well as the teachers and staff in the classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the preschool at (815) 469-5417.