

POTTY-TRAINING GUIDELINES FOR TODDLER DEPARTMENT

CATERPILLARS (1 YEAR OLD – 2 YEAR OLD)

- This is not a potty training classroom, as it has no direct access to a toilet.
In this class we will begin to use language when changing diapers to prepare children for potty related communication later on.
- When a child is showing signs of interest in the potty, we will discuss them moving into the Butterflies classroom as soon as space is available.
- Signs a child is interested in potty-training:
 - o Pulling at a wet or dirty diaper
 - o Hiding to pee or poop
 - o Showing Interest in others' use of the potty, or copying their behavior
 - o Having a dry diaper for a longer-than-usual time
 - o Awakening dry from a nap
 - o Telling you that they're about to go, are going or have just gone in their diaper

BUTTERFLIES (1 YEARS OLD – 2 YEAR OLD) PRE – POTTY TRAINING

- When a child shows interest in potty training, the lead teacher will send a note home and ask the parents to begin to bring the child in with a pull up on and additional pull-ups in case of accident.
- When a child has mastered the timing of using the potty, without fighting and rare accidents, the lead teacher will send a note home and ask the parent to begin bringing the child in wearing underwear. They should have at least two other sets of clothes brought in with them at this time.
- Guidelines for underwear:
 1. Their diaper is staying dry for longer
 2. Ability to push down and pull up pants
 3. General interest in the toilet
 4. Telling us when they need a new diaper or when they went to the bathroom
 5. Regularly using the toilet with success
- If a child does not handle underwear well, or a child has more than three accidents in a day, a note will go home that we will go back to pull-ups for the time being and try underwear when accidents are under control again.

BIZZY BEE'S (2 YEAR OLD – 3 YEAR OLD) POTTY TRAINING

- Once a child is at least two years of age, is doing well in the pre-potty training classroom, and both the lead teachers and the director agree, the child may move into the Bizzy Bee's classroom and begin potty training
- The decision to move up a child is not made based on the oldest child in the room, but instead is based off of a child's readiness level
- Children who are potty training should bring in 5 sets of clothing and 1 extra pair of shoes.
- In order to be determined as officially potty trained, the child needs to go two weeks in underwear accident free.
- The lead teacher may ask a parent to revert to pull-ups if a child starts to have an excessive amount of accidents (3 or more in one day). A teacher may also ask a parent for pull-ups to be worn only at naptime if a child has a specific problem of accidents while sleeping.
- A child will be able to move up to Fireflies once they are at least 3 years of age, all lead teachers and director agree, and there is space available.