



Little Learners 2 Year Old Preschool Vernon Hills Park District

We know the information contained in this handbook will be useful to you as you prepare for the 2 year old preschool program. Please read all the materials that you receive and feel free to ask questions at any time. We want you to feel a part of our program by offering your support through suggestions, comments and participation.

Philosophy:

We believe in the importance of fostering the mental, physical and social growth and development of the preschool child within a planned environment provided by trained personnel and the cooperative involvement of the parents. We achieve this mainly through play, a young child's most important work. Through play, a child gains a sense of self, as well as developing social relationships with other children and adults. Children also are given the opportunity to develop both small and large motor skills, as well as cognitive and language skills. We recognize that each child is unique and special, with individual interests and needs. Above all, we want our time together to be comfortable, relaxed and happy. We hope that both you and your child will be pleased with our program.

Arrival and Absences

Our Preschool wing has a security door, which you will need a code for. We will e-mail the code to you prior to our first day of school. Please share the code only with people who are going to be dropping off/picking up your child. Please wait in the hallway with your child. The teachers will open the door and greet you at the scheduled time of your class. Please leave all toys, bottles, pacifiers, etc. at home so they are not lost or used by other classmates. If your child will not be in school, please call Gail Herrmann at 847-996-6808, at any time (voice mail) or e-mail gailh@vhparkdistrict.org and I will let your child's teachers know about their absence.

Sign-In Sheets

It is very important that you sign-in each day. We need you to list a phone number or phone numbers where you can be reached, if needed

Data Form

Please fill out and return the data form to us on the first day of school. It is very important that you list any allergies, important information, etc. that will be beneficial for both your child and us to have.

Birthdays

We would love to celebrate your child's birthday. Please let the teachers know in advance if you would like to bring a snack to share with the class. PLEASE DO NOT send cake or full size cupcakes. Mini cupcakes, ice cream cups, mini muffins, cookies, etc. are much easier for the teachers to serve and less wasteful/messy for the children.

Health

Every child that attends our Preschool must have a health form on-file. You receive the form prior to your child's first day of school and have until Nov. 1 to return the form, filled out and signed by your child's Doctor. The medical form does not have to be resubmitted again through your child's Preschool years.

Children who are ill should not be sent to school. Please do not send your child to school with any of the following symptoms:

- has a persistent cough
- has a runny nose
- has a sore throat

-has a fever the night before or the day of school (child must be fever free 24 hours before returning to school, without the aid of medication, i.e. Motrin, Tylenol, etc.

- vomits the night before or the day of school
- has diarrhea the night before or the day of school

When you send a sick child to class, you expose the children and teachers to the illness. Please be considerate and keep your child home. Please do not be offended if we call and ask you to come to pick up your child. We understand that sometimes a child may seem well before school but becomes ill during class time. If your child is not feeling well, but wants to come to school, please remember it is in his/her best interest to be at home resting. The recovery time will be quicker. Please notify the school at once if your child has a communicable disease.

Communication

Please check for any noteworthy Little Learners preschool news posted in the preschool hallway.

What To Wear

Think of your child's comfort and provide simple clothing that is free of complicated fastenings. Think of the messy art materials and other messy activities and provide clothing that is washable.

I look forward to a wonderful 2 year old program this year. Any questions or comments, please call me at the Sullivan Center at 847-996-6808, or e-mail gailh@vhparkdistrict.org.

Thank you.

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