

## Commonly Asked Questions

*When is a good age to start?*

Our curriculum is geared towards 18 month old students and older.

*My child hates water! Help!*

Patience. But consistent repetition of positive exposure.

*Why is my child not making progress?*

Kids learn how to swim in ups and downs. Some lessons may seem successful and others not so much. Many variables come into play. But often times after a lull, a breakthrough is next. Not all progress is made visibly, sometimes it takes a little while for them to process learning.

*How long do I need to wait now that I've joined the wait list?*

The wait (depending on your availability) can be between 6 months to one year. If you join the wait list right after summer, you've kind of missed the window of new client enrollment. We used to say no new clients during the school year— but since we've opened up our schedule during the school year we are accepting clients to fit into the schedule.

*Why are my emails/texts/calls not being returned?*

Due to the length of our waiting list, we cannot spend the time returning every email, call or inquiry. That is why we have provided as much information as possible on our website.

*My friends kid learned to swim so much quicker! Why isn't my child swimming yet?*

Every child is different and every instructor is taught to teach to each child's needs. We do not compare students. That is the beautiful nature of the private setting and lesson layout. Be patient, your child is learning a life skill.

*How can I make my child enjoy lessons?*

Bribery. No, really. Make milestones. Do not reward them for participating in a lesson. Reward them for pushing themselves, trying something new that was scary at first, swimming from the steps to the wall solo, etc. Little treats along the way are beneficial- but please do not go to Target and buy your child a new toy for getting in the water or blowing bubbles. Save a bigger purchase for a HUGE milestone (ie- swimming solo!)

*How can I help further their progress?*

Have them practice in the bathtub. Practice putting their faces in the water. See how long they can blow bubbles. Do not be shy about pouring water on your child's head. Will they love it the first time? Probably not. The second time? Doubtful. But overtime they will learn that it is not a big deal. Practice kicking with straight legs on the edge of the couch or their bed. Have them practice swimming through the house by doing "reach and pulls" across the room.

### **Note from Samantha:**

You are taking a HUGE step in your child's life. As your child develops overtime, you see milestone upon milestone being conquered and challenged. Getting your child swimming lessons will save their life. I repeat, YOU ARE MAKING AN INVESTMENT THAT WILL SAVE YOUR CHILD'S LIFE. We do not take this lightly. Your instructor is invested in this life skill and we want to make it a positive experience. We ask that you maintain open communication with your teacher and Samantha. No one knows your child like you do. If we need to do something different, please let us know. We are here to make a lifelong impact of appreciation and respect for the water.