



Dear Toddler Enrichment Parents,

We are the toddler enrichment team at Loch Meadow Kindergarten. It is an exciting time for you and your child as they begin their journey in preschool. We are thrilled to have them with us and want to make their mornings as joyful as possible. We would like to provide you with a little bit of helpful information to ease any questions you might have beforehand. As always, feel free to contact us if a question should arise.

Each day that your child attends, please bring their backpack, lunchbox, and water cup. Everything must be labeled with the child's name. Children are required to wash their hands prior to playing each day. You may use the sink in the classroom, or sink in the hallway bathroom.

Backpacks should keep a spare change of clothes in a Ziploc bag. On the first day, you can bring about 5 diapers that we will store in their diaper cubby, we will slip notes in lunchboxes as your child is getting low on diapers. We provide wipes in our room, but if your child has a skin allergy, or sensitivity, please bring in wipes labeled with their name.

The toddler children eat lunch in our room. Please pack a full lunch (provide icepack with perishable items) for your child, as well as their water cup. **Lunchboxes should have their NAME and the DATE on it each day.** In the past, many parents have included sandwiches, lunchmeat, fruit, vegetables, cheese, apple sauce, etc. Please peel and cut all fruit, and grapes **must** be cut in half lengthwise. The children sit at a small table and chairs with a rug floor, so we ask that you do not send in super messy food items such as spaghetti or shredded cheese.

We do go outside and play every day that the weather permits! Dress for appropriate weather for 10:00am. As it gets cooler, we will ask that you send in jackets, hats and even mittens. Please send children in closed toed shoes, we have found some children get very frustrated outside on the playground equipment, scooters, and bikes in sandals/flip-flops. We also have a sandbox on the playground and have found that some children who love the sandbox, do not like sand on their feet. We also do lots of running and want to keep your children safe.

The first day or two can be a little overwhelming for the children (and parents). If they have a lovey, or pacifier that you would like to bring, please feel free to do so. We just ask that you try not to bring in any extra toys that they might have difficulty sharing. We have lots of new and exciting toys to keep them busy! We cannot wait for a wonderful, fun-filled school year!!