

Celebrating 60 Sensational Years



Emanuel Lutheran School

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PRESCHOOL (Learn & Play)

PARENTS MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2 YEAR OLD

1. **What happens when my child first walks into school?**

The day's routine is established first thing in the morning. It sets the tone for what's being learned that day. Routine is important because it allows children to feel safe and to develop a sense of mastery in handling their lives. To provide uninterrupted education in the morning for your child and others, if your child arrives after 9:10 please call the school office, they will advise the classroom teacher to come to the door to let you in. For safety reasons, staff will not answer the door after 9:10.

2. **Are home toys allowed at school?**

We will have an exciting learning environment for your child to explore, please keep their personal toys at home.

3. **How can my child celebrate his or her birthday in school?**

You may provide a peanut free snack to share with the class (label must indicate that peanut products were not made in the same facility.) This snack will be served by staff during the fifteen minute snack interval time. If your child has a summer birthday, please speak to the teacher about a day to celebrate.

4. **If I have a specific concern about my child and would like to speak to the teacher, what is the procedure?**

For the benefit and privacy of your child, please contact the teacher to set up an appointment with them.

5. **What is Emanuel's Bathroom Policy and what happens if my child has a bathroom accident at school?**

Children entering Learn and Play (our 2 year old program) do not need to be fully potty trained. We expect two year old, who are not fully potty trained, to be in diapers and/or pull-ups. A supply of diapers and/or pull-ups and wipes will be stored in their own cubby. Please let us know when you are ready to start potty training your child so that we can work with you to make it as smooth as possible. Children will be at different stages of toilet learning and the staff will work with each child individually. Staff will be positive and encouraging during the toilet learning process. Accidents are expected to happen and will be handled with respect. If your child is wearing regular underwear (not pull-ups), please be diligent in making sure your child has an extra pair of cloths in their cubbies at all times and that they are weather appropriate.

6. **When is my child too sick for school?**

If your child has any of the following symptoms, he/she is not permitted to come to school until symptoms have been gone for a 24 hour period or we have a doctor's note:

- Fever over 100.5
- Unexplained rash
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Nasal discharge which is not clear
- Flu like symptoms

7. **What if my child is sent home from school with an illness?**

If your child is sent home from school for an illness during the day, they may not return for 24 hours.

8. **What is the best way to deal with separation anxiety?**

In our experience the longer a parent stays with the child the more difficult it is for the child. We are sensitive to the fact that many children have a difficult time in the beginning. Please know our staff is experienced with this and we will do our best to comfort and reassure your child.

9. **Does my child need a back pack?**

Yes, we send many things home and will be utilizing a folder for home/school communication. Please be sure your child's back pack will fit an 8 ½ by 11" folder. Please be sure to check your child's folder daily. This is also a place where you can place notes, and other important papers you want to send to school. (Please do not send tuition payments in this folder. They must go directly to the school office).

10. **What do I send in for my child's snack?**

Please be aware that we cannot heat up food. granola bars, cheese and crackers, bagged snacks, cookies are always good choices. Don't forget their drink! Candy is not permitted.