

## **Redwood Toilet Training Policy**

Children enrolled in Pre-K at Redwood must be potty trained before attending preschool. Children must be wearing underwear and have very few accidents. A child having accidents daily would not be considered potty trained. Please note that wearing pull ups isn't considered being potty trained.

### **Why do children have to be potty trained before they begin preschool?**

There are strict licensing standards and regulations for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers. Redwood is not licensed to be a facility that accommodates diapering or changing diapers.

When an adult is needed to change a child's soiled clothing regularly, they are taken away from learning time for all students and it removes one adult from the direct supervision of and interaction with the rest of the class, which causes us to be outside of the required ratios.

We do understand that even potty trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teachers will help children to change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

### **A potty trained child is a child who can do the following:**

1. Communicate to the teachers that they need to go to the restroom before they need to go.
2. Alert themselves to stop what they are doing, to go and use the bathroom.
3. Pull down their clothes and get them back up without assistance.
4. Wipe themselves after using the toilet.
5. Get on and off the toilet by themselves.
6. Wash and dry hands.

We will certainly ask your child many times throughout the day and always before nap time if they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist children as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently. This protects all involved.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when they are in a new environment. Preschool Staff are aware of this and will assist the children when necessary. Please dress your child in clothing that can be undone and changed easily. Please send a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season. These will be left at school in case of accidents, and returned at the end of the school year. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.

We understand that each child arrives at this milestone differently, therefore we will allow 6 weeks from the first day of school for your child to demonstrate accomplishment of this goal.

However, if the situation is not manageable within the classroom environment, we will discuss the issue with the parents and reserve the right to suspend attendance of the child at such time.

If your child is not completely potty trained as described above when preschool starts, the following options are available:

**You may continue to pay tuition and reserve your child's spot until the time when they are completely potty trained and can attend Redwood. OR, you may petition the Board of Directors to be released from your contract.**

After the first 6 weeks of school, the following policies will be in place for children who have accidents outside of nap time.

1. If one or two accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the issue needs to be addressed and corrected.
2. If three or more accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that if the issue isn't corrected by the end of the second week, the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely potty-trained. Tuition will not be prorated during this time. Parents should contact the director to facilitate the child's return date.
3. If multiple accidents occur in one day, the parent will be notified on that day; and if not corrected by day three, the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely potty-trained. Tuition will not be prorated during this time. Parents should contact the director to facilitate the child's return to school.

We will work with parents whose children have habitual nap time accidents on an individual basis.