

# The Trike Stop Potty Training Policy



It is our philosophy that a child is ready to begin potty training when he or she is interested in using the toilet. When they are truly ready, potty training is very easy. Our mission at The Trike Stop is to make going to the bathroom as comfortable as possible. This means that we will never force a child to go to the bathroom.

We have bathrooms in all classrooms starting in our One Year Old programs all the way up to Kindergarten Readiness. When your child joins the Young Two's class, they will be given the opportunity to use the toilet several times a day. Our goal is to help toilet time become a normal part of their daily routine and provide them the opportunity to use the toilet when they are ready, instead of when we think they are. If you think your child is ready to potty train at school please ask yourself these questions:

- 1) Are they in or tried being in underwear at home?
- 2) Can your child hold their pee for 1-2 hours?
- 3) Is your child asking to go potty?

If you answered yes to all 3 of these questions then your child might be ready for underwear at school. Please follow their lead on readiness and do not force the issue if you notice any aversions to going potty, such as crying or refusing to go. When you think they are ready, please communicate with your child's teacher about bringing them in underwear. Remember to bring lots of changes of clothing (even shoes!) just in case.

If we notice any issues with potty training at school or your child has accidents, then we will need to try again at a later date. Although we understand that accidents are a natural occurrence during the learning process, due to sanitary reasons we cannot accommodate several accidents a day. If your child has too many accidents too regularly this is a sign your child is not ready to be in underwear and we will require them to be in diapers. Due to the number of children that are potty training at one time, the activities planned for the daily curriculum and attention needed for others we will not be able to send your child to the bathroom more than what is already happening in the classroom.

**\*Due to lack of storage space we cannot accommodate toilet seats or potties from home**

**\*Children must be fully potty trained before transitioning to our Pre-K classroom**