



Welcome to the Otters and Turtle Classrooms!

These classrooms have an age range from two and a half to almost four years old. They are capable of learning an average of fifty new words per month and they also enjoy listening to stories. We enjoy reading aloud more than three times a day!

The children in this classroom are capable of taking on some responsibilities. We start our day by giving them special jobs such as: line leader, teacher assistant, calendar helper, weather reporter, housekeeper, book chief and boo-boo helper. These jobs give the children great pride and a sense of responsibility. We encourage the children to improve their self-help skills such as cleaning up after play, pouring their own milk, folding their blankets, putting on their socks and shoes (teachers help them tie laces), cleaning their faces and dressing and undressing with little help.

What to bring on the first day...

- 1- Extra clothes for your child's cubby. This includes a full change of weather appropriate clothing, socks, and shoes. A LOT OF EXTRA UNDERWEAR PLEASE!
 - 2- A sheet and blanket for your child's cot during nap time.
 - 3- In the summertime your child will need a bathing suit, towel, water shoes, and sunscreen for water activities outside.
 - 4- In the winter, we will go outside on cold days so your child will need a winter coat, hat and mittens.
 - 5- A container of baby wipes.
- PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! If it is not too quick to get away... LABEL IT!!!

Here are a few reminders and rules about our classroom:

- 1- We will always post important reminders and sign-up sheets on the classroom door. Please check the door daily.
- 2- Your child has a cubby for extra clothes and shoes below where they hang their jackets and a cubby for mail above where they hang their jackets. The mailbox should be checked everyday for artwork and notes that are sent home.
- 3- Show and share is every Friday at 9:45am. Have your child select one special toy or book (please no action figures or weapons) to bring to school. Show and share is the only time that toys are allowed at school! Books and soft "sleepy" friends are always welcomed!
- 4- Please do not place your child's lunch box in the refrigerator. Food that needs to be refrigerated should be labeled and placed into the tray. Please take your child's food containers home every day.
- 5- If your child needs medication during the day, you **MUST** fill out a medication form. The medication itself needs to be placed in a locked medication box on top of the front shelf.
- 6- If your child is allergic to any food, please bring us a list of that food with a picture of your child to put on the refrigerator.
- 7- As weather changes, please be sure to update the extra clothing in your child's cubby. Also be sure to replace clothing anytime it is used and label everything.
- 8- If your child is not fully potty trained, please bring us enough changes of clothes including socks and shoes. Please check your child's hook for dirty clothes to go home every evening.
- 9- ***During warmer weather, please apply sunscreen on your child before school. We will re-apply before we go out later in the morning.***

We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with your children. Attached to this welcome letter you will find a copy of our curriculum summary. If you have any questions about how our day is run, the curriculum that we follow, or anything at all, please let us know!

Sincerely,
The Otter and Turtle Teachers