What to Bring: Toddler Room

Hello and welcome to our Toddler Room. Children start in the Toddler Room at around 18 months of age. We want to partner with you and are open to your input to help make your experience here the best possible. The toddler team is a click away, Brightwheel is a great way for communication between teachers and parents. We look forward to getting to know your child and their family.

Diapers, Wipes, and Underwear: If your child is still in diapers, anticipate that your toddler will require six to eight diapers per day and plan accordingly. Also, include diaper rash cream or ointment. Remember to include extra plastic pants if you are using cloth diapers. Send resealable plastic bags for the dirty ones. If your child is potty training, provide the same number of training pants as diapers because many dry disposable training pants can be used as part of the training process. As for underwear, accidents can and will happen. Send several pairs as back-ups. As your child gets older, wipes will be used for more than just diaper changes. Provide a full container initially and a refill package as needed.

Extra Outfits: Send two to three extra outfits (that you don’t mind your child getting dirty) to be stored with your child’s items. You may find that your toddler goes through more clothing changes per day than he did as a baby. More freedom (to eat solo, paint, play outside, mud play, etc.) equals more mess/fun. Store each outfit in a Ziplock bag, which can be used to send dirty or wet clothes home. Be sure to include extra socks, underwear and a pair of sneakers and rainboots (we do go out in raining day). You can bring a bib for toddler mealtime, as toddlers begin learning to feed themselves, it can be a very messy process. At Little Sunshine House we do a lot of messy, fun and exploratory paly both inside and outside. Since weather and temperatures change, consider keeping a bag of outerwear in the cubby. Include an extra jacket or sweatshirt, rain boots and a hat.

**Label Everything: Put your child's full name on every item that you send to school. Use a permanent marker or consider washable labels or sew-in name tags. Unlabeled items may be labeled for you.**

Food and Drinks: Lunch box/container with your child’s lunch. PLEASE LABEL all belongings. The main lunch item can be placed in a thermos if it needs to be served warm, please provide bowl and spoon, we will rinse any utensil’s and placed them back in your child lunch bag. We do not have the ability to heat up each child lunches. If you need help with lunch ideas, please ask. **Snack time**: Please provide daily AM/PM snack in a brown bag or reusable bag with your child’s name. We are a nut free environment. We allow seed butters such as sunflower seed other substitutes include hummus and fruit and fiber bars. Ask a staff person if you are unsure. Please bring a Water Bottle with water and labeled!

Nap-Time Necessities: If your child is napping with us, your child will a nap mat sleeping bag. An optional favorite lovie or stuffed animal is also suggested if it helps your child finds comfort. If your child uses a pacifier, per licensing the child can only use it during nap time. Bedding is taken home at the end of the child’s week.

Sunscreen: Your toddler will be outside throughout the day, weather permitting, so apply sunscreen to your child as part of your morning routine and be sure to keep some at daycare so it can be reapplied throughout the day, as needed.

Birthday Celebration: Here at Little Sunshine House we believe in promoting healthy food choices for children. In order to support this healthy nutrition initiative, the Preschool does not serve food of minimal nutritional value (i.e. cupcakes, donuts, candy). Parents should contact their child’s teacher to schedule a child’s birthday celebration. We ask that you bring fruit popsicles for 24. We accept Outshine bars or All-natural fruit bars.

Donations: Baby wipes and soft Kleenex tissues, diapers are always welcome. If you have anything else you would like to donate please Brightwheel us and will get back to you as soon as possible.