

CLOTHING

Children do a variety of activities at school, including polishing, painting, washing, dancing, tumbling, gluing, and cooking. Clothing should allow freedom to engage in any and all activities. Please do not allow your child to wear clothes that cannot get wet or dirty. We usually go outside to play in all weather, so please dress your child in appropriate outer garments. The outside grass and fields can be very muddy even though it is not raining.

Be sure to label coats, shoes and other items with your child's name. Please attach mittens - not gloves- to the coat sleeves during cold weather. School clothing should be suited to the weather, washable and designed for the child's own needs in the bathroom. Dress your child in clean, comfortable, easy-to-manipulate clothing. Although the teacher will be there to help as needed, your child will gain great satisfaction and independence if he or she is able to dress or undress him/herself as necessary for trips to the restroom, outdoor play and dismissal.

- Appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear to current weather conditions is necessary since outdoor activities are scheduled for most days except for rain and extreme cold.
- For those children who will be working on potty training, please notify the school so special arrangements can be made. Make sure to send sufficient training pants replacements or “pull-ups”.

Following are some guidelines for choosing clothing your child wears to school daily:

- Choose clothing that is easy to manipulate for trips to the bathroom, and that is comfortable and suitable for classroom and outside play activities.
- Children will feel pride and independence if they can take off and put on their own shoes. Slip-ons are a good choice, as are sneakers with a Velcro fastening for younger children. (Older children who have learned to tie laces may wear laced shoes.) Remember that children will be playing outside most days and fancy dress shoes can be slippery and become soiled so should not be worn.

EXTRA CLOTHING

The school has extra clothing of all sizes and garments on hand in case of water accidents, spills etc. This eliminates the need for sending extra clothing to school, borrowing other children's clothing, and having appropriate clothing for all weather conditions. If your child has an accident his/her clothes will be sent home in a plastic bag labeled with the description of the type of accident. Please launder the school clothes and return them the next day. We will be counting on having this supply so please be diligent in returning any borrowed clothes.