

Program Information for the Little Explorers



The program begins: **September 14, 2009.**

- Location: **Merry Place** (look for the sign directing you to our door.)
- **We Love to Get Messy!** Our days will be filled with lots of excitement and play. We have a beautiful sandbox outside, we have paints and glue inside, and most of all we have a policy of “let’s see what happens when...” We want the children to enjoy the opportunity to get hands on experience with the materials inside as well as outside the classroom. So, that being said, here is my disclaimer...**we would encourage you to send your child wearing clothes in which you are comfortable with them getting messy.**
- **We Love to Play Outside!** I strongly believe that children be able to explore and play outdoors everyday. The cold will not keep us indoors, so as long as it is above freezing and it is not pouring rain, we plan to be outside for a portion of our day. **Please send your child with appropriate outdoor attire everyday.** Hats, gloves/mittens, heavy winter coats, etc... and in the spring raincoats and rainboots. We even play in the snow. (If we have a snowy day, and the Little Explorers meets, then send in snow boots and pants so we can play in the snow!) **Sneakers are going to be best for our program on a daily basis.**
- We recommend storing an extra set of clothes in our classroom. If you could place their extra set in a large ziploc bag with their name on it, we can store them easily.
- We ask that your child not bring toys from home to Little Explorers. Instead, I would encourage your child to bring a favorite book to share with the group. Stuffed animals are okay, if you feel that it will provide comfort and ease with the transition.
- Finally, bring a big smile and all of your excitement for a wonderful time at the Little Explorers program! We look forward to meeting your child.
- **Snack**
We will provide a daily, healthy snack for the children. If your child has dietary restrictions or allergies, please speak to Lauren to make arrangements.
- **Lunch**
All children will need to bring their lunch. Please pack a healthy, simple lunch and drink in a reusable lunch bag/box. We do not have the facilities to heat food. We will not permit the children to share their food. What you pack is what your child will have for lunch.
- **Extended Day**
The purpose of the extended day is to provide extra enrichment opportunities for the children. It will allow children to delve deeper into on-going projects, it will provide extra socialization time, and finally more play time.
All children who stay for the Extended Day will have quiet time. The quiet time is not a nap time. It is a quiet, gentle, relaxing time for the children. The purpose is to allow children a time to relax and regroup for the remainder of the day. We will read stories, listen to books on CD, or provide a quiet, individual activity for the children. Please send in a blanket that can stay in our classroom for quiet time.