

# 1st Home Visit Parent Handbook Review

## Education Services

- All activities are an opportunity for learning and growth...especially during play time! These activities will promote development and learning in all domains of development: physical, language, social emotional, cognitive, literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts.

## Classroom Policies

- Have your child wear comfortable/"OK to get messy" clothing to play in. Also, clothing that can be easily managed for bathroom needs is important for self-help skill development. Please label all articles of clothing with your child's name – it helps with keeping them with the correct child.
- Please, no toys brought from home – we don't want your child's toys to get lost or broken.
- We go outside daily, so please dress your child according to the weather. Chilly weather needs a jacket and cold/snowy weather needs a coat, hat, mittens, and boots for comfortable outside play time.
- Please no flip flops, sandals need to have a strap on the back – this is for the children's safety. Tennis shoes work great for active play!
- Please do not send any food treats to school as we cannot serve them.
- You will "sign in" and "sign out" your child at arrival and departure times if you bring them to and pick them up from the classroom. Please let others know that they will need to do this also. Only people that you have listed on your Child's Release Form will be allowed to pick your child up (staff may ask to see an ID).

## Well Child Check

- We strive to have safe and healthy classrooms. Sick children cannot be at school where illness can easily spread to others. Bus monitors and teachers will do a "well child check" to make sure the children are feeling well enough to be at school to learn and have fun. A child cannot be at school with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher. You may be called to come and pick them up from the classroom if they run a temperature.
- A child must be fever free (without medication), diarrhea free and vomiting free for 24 hours before returning to school after an illness. An excuse from the doctor may be required for prolonged absence.

## Attendance

- Attendance is so important for a child to learn. Children thrive when they have the routine of coming to school every day that we have class. Please make sure your child is coming to school every day unless they are ill. They learn so much every day!!
- Please call, **within 1 hour of class start time**, if your child will be absent so it is not considered an "unexcused absence".

## Photo Policy

- Personal cameras and cell phones can't be used for taking pictures of children, staff or classrooms. We need to ensure the confidentiality of all children and families within our program.

## Cell Phone Policy

- Head Start and Early Head Start is a "CELL PHONE FREE ZONE". We ask that you refrain from using your cell phone during the entire pick up and drop off times – we want your child to be safe! This includes walking them up / down the hallway to the classroom or to your vehicle.

## **FOR BURLINGTON ONLY:**

### Transportation

- Please be ready for the bus! The bus will only wait for **1 minute**. Be watching for the bus 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after the scheduled arrival times (during pick-up and drop-off times). For safety reasons, parents/caregivers are required to escort their child to the bus and pick them up at the bus at departure time. (ID may be required)

### Class Cancellations

- If the public school system operates on a two-hour delay due to weather conditions, the AM classes cancel, PM classes attend. If the public school system lets out early due to weather conditions, the PM classes will cancel. If the public school system cancels for the day due to weather conditions, AM and PM classes will cancel. Radio stations are listed in your parent handbook.
- PART DAY IN BURLINGTON only cancels if public school system cancels due to weather conditions.