

### **First Baptist Preschool toileting policy for three-year-old classrooms**

To be considered for the three-year-old classroom your child must be fully toilet trained.

By definition from the American Academy of Pediatrics and The Health of Children:

❖ A child who is **toilet trained** is able to do each of the following independently and consistently:

- Sense the urge to urinate **and** have a bowel movement
- Stop him/herself from what he/she is doing to use the bathroom
- Communicate to an adult his/her need to use the bathroom to urinate **and** have a bowel movement
- Postpone elimination if they must wait for someone who is already in the bathroom
- Pull down clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Get on and off the toilet by him/herself
- Independently wipe for both urine and bowel movements

If your child is able to do each of these things independently and consistently then he/she is considered fully toilet trained and is ready for the three-year-old classroom.

An accident (by definition from the American Academy of Pediatrics) is an unusual and infrequent occurrence. Our staff is aware that accidents happen and they are prepared to assist your child in a loving, respectful, and professional manner. For this reason we ask that you bring in a complete change of clothing that includes:

- Shirt
- Pants
- Underwear/Panties
- Socks

If we recognize that your child is having accidents frequently or is not communicating to an adult his/her need to use the bathroom to urinate **and/or** have a bowel movement then the preschool will not consider your child to be fully toilet trained.

Each child will be guided to use the bathroom twice during the school day. Your child will be expected to communicate with a teacher his/her need to eliminate between guided toileting times.

This policy is in place to maximize instructional learning time, guided play, and classroom routine for both the teachers and the children. If excessive time is spent assisting with toileting and/or changing soiled clothing valuable time is taken away from learning for all students. This also removes one adult from directly being able to supervise and interact with the remainder of the class.

This policy is also in place to maximize sanitary conditions in the classroom and helps us maintain the cleanliness of the floors, furniture, and preschool inventory.

All aspects of this policy have been set in place after carefully reviewing information and standards set in place by The American Academy of Pediatrics, The Health of Children, and the requirements of other childcare facilities.

Please contact the director, Katie Fulcher with any questions. Thank you!