

Rainbow Room Information Packet

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Our Belief

We believe that children learn through PLAY and that during their time with us this is their “job.” We will provide an environment that allows for children to grow through play, build their independence and provide a strong foundation of social and emotional empowerment and being in community with others.

Your child will need the following items labeled with their name:

- Spare change of weather-appropriate clothing (shirts/pants/shorts/underwear/socks at least two pairs of pants/2 pairs of underwear)
- Rain Boots all year long; we love playing in puddles!
- A blanket, small pillow with pillowcase
- A pack of paper for artwork and drawing. This is a donation to our classroom
- Family photo (5x7 or 4x6)

For Winter:

- Snow Pants
- Snow Boots
- Warm Coat
- Water Resistant Mittens/gloves
- Hat that covers ears

For Summer

- A swimsuit
- A towel
- A pair of water shoes
- \$5 for class sunscreen or bring in your own personal sunscreen with medical release form (ask teacher or the office for a form)

Daily Schedule:

7:30 – Room Opens/Wash Hands/Masks On

7:30- 10:00 -Breakfast/Free play/Bathroom Breaks (breakfast is cleaned up at 9:00)

10:00 - 10:10 – Clean Up

10:10 - 10:30 - Morning Meeting

10:30 - 11:30 - Outside Exploration (Mask break) (time changes monthly if in Rumpus Room we will post and send a message through ProCare of our location)

11:30-11:45 - Large or Small Group

11:45-12:30 - Lunch

12:30-1:00 - Bathroom turn/cot jobs/reading on cots

1:00-3:00 - Naptime

3:00- 4:00 – Cot jobs/Snack/Free Play

4:00 - 4:30 - Outside Exploration (time changes monthly if in Rumpus Room we will post and send a message through ProCare of our location)

4:30-5:30 Free Play/Books

5:30 Room Closes

Policies and Procedures Assessments and Conferences:

We follow a center-wide procedure. We complete a standardized assessment with each child based on age and offer conferences to parents every six months (around October and April)

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays! It is such a huge moment and the event we love to focus on is changing their number and their special day. We do this by making a sign for the child on their locker, singing to them at group time and lunch (if they wish) and providing a crown for them to wear if they choose. NBCC asks that if a family chooses to provide something for celebration it be a nonfood item such as tattoos, stickers or a small item. We have also had families donate a book or game on behalf of the child for the classroom to enjoy.

Breakfast:

Morning snack is provided between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Children are welcome to bring their own snack from home as long as it meets our Nut Free policy. If you arrive after 9:00 please make sure your child has eaten.

Guidance and Discipline

Please refer to the guidance and discipline section in the NBCC parent handbook to insure consistency between home and school. We strive to provide immediate, natural and logical consequences. We use redirection when necessary. We do not believe in time out.

Sharing:

While the idea is encouraged, the philosophy of the Rainbow Room states that a child does not need to share if that is their choice. We provide language to make a plan to be next with an idea when the child is done. We also do not allow exclusion of sharing meaning if it is shared with one it is shared with all.

Illness and Medication

Please review the illness and medication policies provided in the NBCC parent handbook. These policies are enforced center-wide to ensure the health and safety of your child.

Language

Please check the NBCC parent handbook for helpful examples of the language we use.

- One important example is that we do not apologize. Many children between ages 3-5 do not understand the concept of a genuine apology. Instead, we “check on our friends,” so the child takes responsibility for their actions and the other child has the opportunity to express themselves.

Late Pick up Policy

Please review the late pick-up policy in the NBCC parent handbook. This policy is enforced center wide. The closing teacher will begin closing the room at 5:30 p.m. and their shift ends at 6:00. Please allow yourself time to pick up your child and leave the center by 5:30 p.m.

Parent Board

The parent board is located outside our classroom. Please check it regularly to see our schedule, important information, event sign ups, weekly curriculum and snack menus.

Parent Mailboxes

The parent mailboxes are located outside our door on the wall in the pocket files with your child's name. Please check these regularly for items to take home.

Observations

Our main tool for communication is the ProCare app; we can correspond and post updates of your child's day. We will post pictures daily (usually uploaded during rest time) and will inform you of our location changes if necessary.

ProCare App

This is our number one form of communication with parents along with our classroom email. We ask that you give your phone number when joining the Rainbow Room, where you then will be added to our ProCare group. Through this we will send important reminders, pictures of your child and check ins. You can also send us messages through this if you are looking for a quicker response.

Potty Training:

All children learn to use the toilet at different rates. Sometimes when children start in the Rainbow room, they have not yet mastered the potty. In such cases, we get together with the parents and come up with a plan that we will work on together to get the child using the potty. Before your child starts in the room, they need to be familiar with the potty and in pull-ups. Pull-ups allow children to dress themselves and practice self-help skills.

Separation and Drop Off

Separation can be a tricky time for children and parents. The best and easiest way to handle this situation is to establish a routine. Try to drop them off and say goodbye in the same way every day. It may take some time to find the right routine that is best for you and your child, but once you find something try to stick to it.

Here are some more tips on separation that we have found to be successful in the past:
-Do what you say. If you tell your child you will stay for 5 minutes, then stay for 5 minutes. If you tell them, you are leaving right now, then do just that. Allowing them to

negotiate this with you will give them the incorrect idea that you will be staying with them all day.

-Avoid dropping off during transitions. We have seen that it is often much harder for the child to say goodbye when the group is moving to a new activity. You can look at our schedule to know when these times are. Please keep it in mind when bringing your child to school, especially if they have a difficult time at drop offs.

We are excited to get to know you and your family!

Sincerely,

Cindy & Eden