



Welcome!

New Parent Guide | What to Expect on Your First Day



First of all, welcome! And congratulations on taking this important step in your child's education and development! We can't wait to get to know you and your family.

Now let's get started! Below are 6 frequently asked questions (and answers) to help you prepare for your first day.

1 What is the process for dropping off my child?

- When you arrive, use the front door code provided by your Center Director to enter our school.
- Once you arrive, sign-in your child using the iPad in our lobby. Your Center Director will provide you with log-in instructions.
- Accompany your child to the classroom, and ensure a teacher is aware of your arrival.
- Your child's reaction to his/her first day will vary. Some children run right into the classroom while others cry. Both of these reactions – and any in between – are completely normal.

2 What should I know about my child's classroom?

- Place any belongings or extra clothing in your child's classroom cubby for safekeeping. This space is also used for letters or progress reports to take home.
- Check your classroom's communication board for lesson plans, calendars, and other information. Your child's teacher will also regularly post classroom activities. Check these to keep informed about what your child is working on.

3 What should my child wear?

- Your child should wear comfortable, seasonally-appropriate clothes that can get dirty. Learning can sometimes be messy!
- For your child's safety, only tennis shoes or sneakers with a skid resistant sole are allowed.
- Necklaces, hoop or dangling earrings are not permitted, since jewelry can get accidentally pulled or caught during play. Your child's safety is our first priority!

4 What should I bring for my child?

- Please bring at least one change of seasonal clothing, labeled with your child's name.
- Bring a family photo we can display! We want our classrooms to reflect our families.
- Backpacks are not allowed in all centers, so please check with your Center Director first.
- If your child is in the toddler, preschool or Pre-K classrooms, you can bring a small blanket for quiet time.
- Do not bring food. If your child has medically-necessary dietary restrictions, please contact your Director.

5 What is the process for picking up my child?

- Please pick up your child from the classroom, and sign-out using the iPad in our lobby.
- Because our schools are open from early morning to late evening, our teachers have varying shifts. For this reason, you may see different teachers in your child's classroom in the afternoon. Additionally, when there are fewer children present, we may combine classrooms. This means you may pick up your child in a different classroom. You will be notified of this change by your Director or through signs on classroom doors.

6 What if I have a question not addressed here?

- Ask us! While we provide daily reports and notes about your child's day, always feel free to ask questions!

