



Dear Families of Toddlers,

I hope you are as excited as we are to welcome your child to our program. Before the first day your child attends Top Hat Montessori, you need to complete all of the enclosed forms and return them to us. Note that you may need to make an appointment with your child's physician to complete the medical history form, so please allow time for this before your child's scheduled start date.

To help you prepare, here is a list of items to be brought in on the first day your child attends:

- **A small pillow and a small blanket for naps.** These will be sent home each weekend to be washed, dried, and returned on Monday.
- If your child would like to bring a friend for nap time, he or she may. It is much easier for everyone if this friend stays at school during the week.
- **A complete change of clothes,** including socks and underwear, to be kept at school in case of accidents. When used, the soiled clothes will be returned to you at the end of the day to be replaced by clean items.
- **A pair of soft-soled non-skid slippers** for your child to wear inside at school. These help the children with their walking and balance, and help keep the floors clean.
- **If your child is not yet toilet trained,** you are responsible for providing **diapers.** We will let you know when your supply is running low, so that you know when to bring more. Please also send a large container of **wipes** on the first of each month.

**Separation:** Some children may have a difficult time separating from you the first few days.

- Please help your child adjust by saying goodbye firmly, and leaving promptly.
- Our teachers and staff members are trained to ease children past this early separation anxiety.
- Don't worry – most children stop crying within a few minutes after their parents leave! You can call to check.

Please remember we are a **nut-free** school and do not bring anything with peanut butter or other nuts in it, as some children can be severely allergic to nuts.

Please also remember not to send anything with a high sugar content with your child, unless it is to celebrate a birthday. Sweets will be sent home unopened.

Welcome!

Ryan Murtha, Montessori Toddler Teacher