



We're very excited to have you here! Here is a guide to everything you need to know!

Campers:

6 weeks-12 months old

1. Drop-off ends at 9:30 am

- Late drop-offs will only be allowed for check-up appointments with a note from the doctor's office, and notice ahead of time.
- On arrival, please remove your Camper from the car seat before leaving the classroom.
- Due to limited space in the classroom, please do not leave the car seat in the classroom unless necessary (ex: if another family member is picking up and needs the car seat).

2. Bottles are given on demand ✨

- You do not have to pre-make your bottles, but please make sure you have enough clean bottles for the times your Camper will drink throughout the day as well as enough formula or breast milk.
 - ex: Baby arrives at 7 am and gets picked up at 5 pm. They had their first bottle at 6 am and he drinks 4-6 oz every 2-3 hours. We would need at least 5 clean bottles in their bag, and at least 30 oz of breast milk or formula (enough to mix 30 oz)
- In the event we do not have enough bottles or formula/breast milk, we would be required to call parents to pick up their little Camper.

- All bottles, breast milk bags/containers, formula cans and other components should come to the center labeled with your child's name.
- Your little Camper should start transitioning to a sippy cup at about 9 months of age and be able to go without a bottle before moving up to the Forager's room.

3. Nap & Meal Times

- Campers are not allowed bottles, pacifier clips, or blankets in the crib at nap time.
- Please make sure to dress your Camper in layers so that we can keep them as comfortable as possible throughout the day.
- Meals are given on schedule. Please make notes on your care sheet about your preferences.
 - If you opt to provide the food for your Camper, please make sure you are bringing enough food for the meals you request them to eat.
 - If you opt for the Center to provide food for your Camper, you will need to approve and sign a menu.
- Infant Care Sheets are required to be updated monthly.
 - If care instructions change before the month is over, you are able to update the form at any time.
 - In the event that we do not receive an updated care sheet after it has expired, your Camper will not be able to attend until the new care sheet is received by the staff.

4. What to Pack Every Day

- Full-size diaper bag or backpack
 - A full-size bag is so important to keep all your child's items organized. Make sure we have their bag daily.
- Diapers
 - At the beginning of every week, bring in a labeled pack of diapers to stay at daycare. If you're unsure of how many diapers your baby will need, pack 8-10 per day. Then, in your daily bag, pack a few extra diapers just in case. It's better to

send too many than not enough. Be sure to label each diaper with your child's first name and last initial.

- Rash Cream or Ointment
 - Please make sure to pack your preferred brand and label it with your child's name. It is much better to have some on hand if there is ever a need. Be sure to label with your child's name and last initial.
- Wipes (if sensitive skin)
 - Unscented wipes of various brands are provided by the center. If you prefer your child to have their own from home, please send a full container of wipes at the beginning of the week. Check every few days to see when you'll need a pack to refill the package. Include a smaller package in the daily diaper bag. These can be used in case you forget to bring a refill for your at-daycare stash. Be sure to label with your child's first name and last initial.
- Pacifier
 - If your baby loves having a pacifier, you may want to pack extras. Be sure to label with your child's first name and last initial.
- Bottles and Formula/Breast Milk
 - You do not have to pre-make your bottles but please make sure you have enough clean bottles for the times they will drink throughout the day as well as enough formula or breast milk.
 - Formula - You may bring an entire can of milk for us to prepare as needed.
 - Breast milk - It may come fresh or frozen (but ready to thaw for the day) Make sure you are packing enough for your child as noted in the example above.
 - In the event we do not have enough bottles or bottles or formula/breast milk, we would be required to call parents to pick up their little Camper.
- Cup (for water)
 - Water should be offered at meal times when food is offered.
- Food (if necessary)
 - Food is required if you do not want the center to supply the meals.
- Extra clothing
 - Send two to three, gallon-size, resealable plastic bags with an extra outfit in each. Don't forget socks because accidents can

travel far! These extras can be kept in your bag that stays at the daycare. Caregivers can use plastic bags to send home dirty clothes. Beware: Some things you send to daycare could get lost or ruined.

- Your baby is there to have fun, which includes playing with arts and crafts and maybe even food. So stains will happen. Avoid sending anything that can't be easily replaced.
- Blanket
 - You may bring a blanket for your little one to keep them comfortable while they are awake. Keep in mind that children under the age of 12 months are not allowed to sleep with a blanket or pillow of any sort.
 - Blankets may be kept at the center for the week and will be sent home on Fridays to be cleaned.
- Sunscreen and sunhat

*** LABEL EVERY ITEM YOU SEND TO DAYCARE! ***

There are many options available for labeling your child's clothes, blankets, and supplies. Permanent markers work well for plastic bags, diaper boxes, and other containers. Consider iron-on labels for blankets and clothing. Masking tape, painters' tape, or wide rubber bands are all good options for labeling bottles.