



Wondering if your three year-old will have potty success in time for the start of school?

Summer greetings to you!

I am sending this note to discuss an important topic for many families of our youngest children, toilet learning. Every summer, we receive a few phone calls from parents of newly enrolled three year-olds who are concerned that their child might not be using the bathroom independently by September. We are sending this letter to clearly outline our toilet learning parameters, and hopefully ease any anxieties you may have about your child's situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further. The Miquon Office is open for summer hours, Mondays-Fridays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. I can be reached at 610-828-1231 or by emailing andream@miquon.org.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter!

Warmly,
Andrea Myers
Director of Admissions



Potty Preparation

What do we mean when we say using the bathroom independently?

We consider a child to be independent when they have been going to the bathroom for two full weeks self-sufficiently. In other words, a child can recognize that they need to go to the bathroom and can wipe themselves independently. Naturally this is a new skill for many of our very young Miquon children, and we recognize that some may require help as they work toward potty independence. As they continue this ongoing work, Miquon teachers will offer support along the way.

What do we mean by help?

Teachers will provide verbal guidance, including reminders to visit the bathroom and coaching while using the bathroom as needed. Unfortunately, however, we cannot wipe for your child. She or he must take care of that job independently.

What about accidents?

We understand that children may have occasional accidents, and teachers will assist children through the process of clean up and changing into dry clothes with verbal guidance.

Summer Success!

Summertime is the best season for children to work on toilet learning. Families can enjoy the benefit of warm weather and opportunities to be out-of-doors, along with the freedoms that lighter summer schedules allow. If you have access to a private outdoor space, consider letting your little one play outside (sans pants!) with a potty seat nearby. In this way, children can practice their newfound skill freely as they travel the road to greater success.

You know your child best

In the end, you know your child best and we trust parents to follow a plan that works for your family. Please be assured that you are not alone in these pursuits, and the Miquon community will all do our utmost to support you along the way.



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