



Toilet Learning

Every summer, we receive a few phone calls from parents of newly enrolled 3-year-olds expressing concern that their child might not be using the bathroom independently in time for school.

Here are some things to know:

- We consider a child to be independent when they have been going to the bathroom self-sufficiently for two full weeks, meaning a child can recognize when they need to use the bathroom and can wipe themselves independently.
- Naturally this is a new skill for many young children, and some may require help. Miquon teachers will provide guidance by giving reminders to visit the bathroom and coaching while using the bathroom, as needed. Unfortunately, we cannot wipe for your child. They must do that independently.
- When children do have occasional accidents, our teachers will assist them through the process of clean-up and changing into dry clothes with guidance.

In the meantime, summertime is the best time 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 child 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 success.

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 this anxiety, and the Miquon community will do our utmost to support you along the way.