



Potty training will be done in a relaxed and consistent manner when the child shows signs of readiness. The cooperation of the family is essential for success. Children must be completely potty trained by age three to remain enrolled at The Learning Tree Academy.

Readiness Checklist

- Basic verbal skills
- Recognizes sensation of wet/dry
- Stays dry for long periods of time (with teacher prompt)
- Pulls up/down pants with little help
- Shows interest
- Desires independence
- Shows emotional readiness (cooperative without tantrums when prompted to go)
- Can follow 2-3 step instructions

Clothing

Pullups will be worn at all times during training due to the busy nature of a preschool classroom. This prevents cross contamination and ensures cleanliness. Pullups will be used until your child remains dry and has his/her bowel movements in the potty for two successful weeks. When this occurs, your child's teacher (with consent of the supervisor) will ask you begin sending your child to school in underwear.

Loose clothing is required so your child can easily pull up and down clothing independently.

Parent Signature

I _____ (parent name) have read and agree to the Toilet Training Policy. I understand my role as a parent is crucial in helping my child succeed. The deadline for my child to reach success is _____ (Child's DOB-or Friday before if DOB is on holiday or weekend).

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

1. Why do children need to be potty trained by age three in order to attend?

There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled pullups. The older classrooms are not equipped for diapering. Diapering requires a significant amount of attention. When a teacher pulls away to diaper, it takes away from learning time and removes one adult from direct supervision and interaction with the rest of the students in the class.

2. When is a child considered potty trained?

-A potty trained child can:

-Communicate to teachers that he/she needs to go to the restroom before they need to go.

-Alert him/herself to stop what he/she is doing to go and use the bathroom.

-Pull up/down his/her clothes without assistance.

-Wipe him/herself after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 2 and 3 year olds).

-Get on/off the toilet by him/herself.

-Postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if the class is away - from the classroom.

-Awaken during nap if they need to use the bathroom.

3. What schedule does my child follow at school when training?

Children who are training are prompted to go to the bathroom every 30-60 minutes depending on his/her needs and normal routines. Children are always taken at major transitions (ex: before outside time, before/after nap)

4. What happens if my child has an accident after being trained?

It is expected that a child who is fully toilet trained may have a setback when he/she is in a new environment (ex: moving classes). LTA staff are aware of this and will assist the children when necessary. Please make sure to keep two changes of clothes in your child's cubby at all times. Clothing soiled with urine will be sent home in a bag. Underwear heavily soiled with poop will be disposed of. Parents will be notified if a child has an accident.

***Parents may be asked to come to school and change child if he/she poops. _____ (Initial)**

If a child has accident outside of nap time after turning three, the following policies will be in place:

1. If one or two accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that the issue needs to be addressed and corrected.
2. If three or more accidents occur in one week or accidents occur for two consecutive weeks, the parent will be notified with the understanding that if the issue continues, the child will have to stay home at least one week until he/she is able to completely train. Tuition will not be pro-rated at this time and must be paid in order to hold place on the roster. Parents will be required to contact the director before returning to school.

*We will work with children having nap time accidents on an individual basis.