

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DRESS CODE

### PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN

Play clothes are the order of the day - the kind that will stand up to dirty knees, the sandbox, the slide and the mud pies. Please label all outerwear and provide hanger loops on coats and snowsuits. Names are also needed in boots, mittens, hats, and scarves. Old fashioned mitten strings and clips are wonderful to help children keep track of mittens.

**Indoor Shoes:** Please bring in well fitting, sturdy, slip on, rubber soled shoes and/or slippers with backs. These shoes will stay in the cubby room over nights and be worn each day in the classroom.

**Outdoor Shoes:** Please have your child wear sturdy shoes with an enclosed heel that they can run, jump and hop in. Please do not send your child in crocs, shoes that light up, wheelies or tie shoes if they cannot tie. All shoes must be free of media images.

**Clothes:** Please dress your child in clothes that allow him/her to really play and that are free of any pictures, words, logos or media references. Children's arms need to be covered by at least a cap sleeve. We recommend rainbow colors and pastels for young children's clothing.

**Extra Clothes:** Please send a full set of clothing to remain in your child's cubby, including: 2 pair of socks and 1 pair of wool socks, 2 pair of underwear, undershirt, pants, sweater/jacket, wool hat, and sunhat. Please LABEL ALL extra clothes. These will go in your child's extra clothing bag which we will provide.

**Outdoor Clothes:** Please dress your child in layers and appropriate clothes for the weather. We go out every day in all kinds of weather. (Yes, even in the rain!)

- *Warm weather:* sunhat and light jacket or sweater
- *Rainy weather:* rain hat or hooded rain coat and rain boots
- *Snowy and cold weather:* warm winter hat, insulated waterproof mittens, insulated snow boots, warm socks, snow bibs or snowsuit and insulated coat
- *Woolies:* We suggest an underlayer of clothing made of wool or silk. Check the school store for more information.

**Physical Presentation:** We strive to help children relate to the true being of each other without distractions. Please avoid dressing your child in black, animal prints, camouflage, sparkles, or any images that may be distracting, as this may affect the interactions with the other children. When these images are placed on the child it can be difficult to see the true essence of each other.

Please do not send your child to school with jewelry (including watches), tattoos, nail polish, or semi-permanent hair embellishments.