

Here's What Every Preschool Parent Needs to Know....

Hi Everyone! Welcome to Holy Ghost Childcare! We're so glad to have your preschooler here with us. This is such a fun and exciting time in your child's life, we are so thrilled that you chose us to share it with! Our goal here at HGCCC is to make your child's time here exciting, loads of fun and, of course, have TONS of teachable moments along the way! Here is a list that we've compiled of what your child should bring, answers to some of the most commonly asked questions and what some of our routines are. As always, if you have further questions, you can feel free to ask our staff and we'll be glad to help you out!



Bring a Backpack: Each preschooler should be sure to have a backpack on their hook every day with a complete set of extra clothes. As you already know, accidents and spills happen. Our extra clothing supply is limited and we want your child to be comfortable when they're here so please bring it every day, not just the days they're in school.

Learning is sometimes Messy: Here at HGCCC, we believe that the best way to learn is hands on. This can mean that at times, your child will get messy. This is part of the fun of learning. The staff will do their very best to be sure that your child is cleaned up to the best of their abilities. We only ask that you refrain from sending your child in their Sunday best. Play clothes are a much more comfortable and stress free way to go for you, your child and their teachers.



Sometimes things do get lost: With preschoolers, you know that sometimes items can be lost or misplaced. If you are missing an item, the first stop should be our lost and found box in the entryway. If it's not there, you can also let us know and we'll keep an eye out for it. The best way to combat this is to LABEL LABEL LABEL. We can't stress it enough. Label socks, bags, clothing, books, everything! This is the best way to ensure your missing item comes back to where it belongs.

Rest time is a must: At this age, we are required to provide a daily rest period. The children are not required to sleep, however, they are not allowed to bother their friends who choose to. We ask that each preschooler bring a blanket and if they'd like, a small pillow (not a full sized bed pillow) or a soft toy (no GI Joes or Barbies, please) to snuggle with to make their rest more comfortable. Remember....LABEL EVERYTHING. If a child is having difficulty falling asleep but is being nice and quiet for a while, we will move their cot into the outer preschool room and they may have some books to read while resting.



Toys belong at home: We ask that you please keep all toys at home, with the exception of a cuddle nap toy, books for book day or a special day (ie: Teddy Bear Day). It is very difficult to determine which Spiderman belongs to which preschooler or whose baby or purse is whose. We do not like to see the sad tears when someones 'treasure' is lost or broken. We do understand that sometimes it is easier to let them bring it to get out of the door some mornings but we really do prefer if you choose that battle for the sake of your child and their belongings. We will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items from home. If it is a special day and an item is to be brought in, don't forget....LABEL LABEL LABEL.



Special Food and Drink: Many of you have asked what to do about birthdays holidays and/or class parties as far as bringing treats go. We stick to the rule that treats are ALWAYS welcome, but not required unless specifically asked for. If you need a class list or have specific questions about it, feel free to ask the staff and we'll be more than happy to help you out. We do not, however, encourage extra snacks or food from home for just your child (ie: Pop tarts, special snack, fast food, etc).



We serve breakfast, lunch and two snacks every day. When a child brings in extra food from home and eats it in front of their friends, it causes a problem. We ask that if you are not able to be here in time for breakfast or lunch, that your child is fed at home to avoid the confusion.

That's about it! Once again, we're so glad you chose HGCCC. We hope that you are happy with your choice and truly believe that we are here to keep your child safe, teach them valuable lessons and, of course, to HAVE FUN!!

