



Welcome to the Parks' Place Family: Welcome Aboard



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A Message



from Joanne Taylor Parks,
Owner of Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Our entire team is excited for what promises to be a year of growth and opportunities. We have made investments to give our children and teachers the technology tools to help with assignments. Our teachers have committed to use classroom process to better align the motivation our children need to learn. This is an exciting time to be a part of our school!

Our goal is to support parents in having their children arrive at school ready to learn. We are in partnership with ELC, with inclusion services and School Readiness Program, to help parents to provide childcare assistance.

We know that nutrition is a big part of each development. We are in partnership with the USDA Food Program, which helps us provide 3 balanced meals everyday. We provide Breakfast, Lunch, PM Snack, and a Late Afternoon Snack at 4PM.

I want you to know that we take the safety of our students and staff seriously. All doors are kept closed and locked. Only parents with children enrolled have a code for the Front Door. We conduct monthly fire drills to ensure the safety exit of the building in case of an emergency. Please see our handbook for more details of Emergency Procedures.

We have a Code of Conduct for students as well as families. We have implemented a code system for the building. We use the intercoms as well Walkie Talkies to communicate with Staff and Class, no matter where we are on Parks' Place Property. Each teacher has cellphones to communicate with as well.

Please use this guide as a resource to provide helpful information as you prepare your family for the upcoming school year. If you need additional information or have specific questions, please reach out to your school. Thank you for your support of our students, teachers, schools and school system!

Let's have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

Joanne T. Parks



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See you in class!

OPEN HOUSE DATE

August 1, 2026

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 10, 2026

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register in-person through August 1, 2026

Pre-register online:
https://parksplacelearningcenter.com/enroll/



What's New?

- Instructions for PPLC Operation VPK
- Breakfast is 7:45AM- 8:00AM
- Class starts at 8:00AM- 11:00AM
- Learning Time is 8:00AM- 11:00AM
- Please have your child to school ON TIME!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Checklist

You can make sure everyone is prepared and ready for the start of school by following the steps below.

- [ ] **Provide VPK Voucher**
- [ ] **Sign Attendance and Monthly Log**
- [ ] **Register at the Front Desk to Log-in Daily**
- [ ] **Fill out Enrollment Package with Food Program Form**
- [ ] **Bring in Supplies on the list**
- [ ] **Bring in extra change of clothes in a $ .99 plastic container**
- [ ] **Family Pictures**



Our Commitment to Safety

We want all our students to learn in a safe environment, which is why Parks' Place Learning Center is taking steps to keep our children safe.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We strive to keep our students safe in the following ways:

- ✓ Parks' Place Learning Center doors are kept locked.
- ✓ We have front desk coverage
- ✓ We hold month fire drills.
- ✓ Each classroom has outdoor access.
- ✓ All teachers have their CPR & First Aid Cards.

GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS

Early Learning Coalition of Duval will continue our partnership with the Florida Department of Public Health for best practices in COVID-19 response. We are promoting student and staff hand washing and hygiene to keep everyone safe.

A Day at Our School

TRANSPORTATION

We provide transportation to and from the following elementary schools:
Chimney Lakes Elementary, Duval Charter, Gregory Drive Elementary, Jacksonville Heights, Westview K-8. We will provide everyday drop-off and pick-up.

LUNCH/MEALS

Parks' Place provides meals that meet the Natural Meal set forth by the USDA Childcare Food Program. We provide breakfast, lunch, PM snack, and late 4PM snack. The 4pm snack consists of a light snack.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Parks' Place offers a high quality, safe and supervised academic, enrichment and recreation programs from the end of the school day until 6:30PM. PPLC program will offer in person enrichment activities in four areas of engagement with opportunities for students.

Homework Procedure

Homework is sent home every Monday.

Return on Friday.

Homework is age appropriate.

Infants- 2 Year Old's
Sing language/per week
Read to your child every night for 20 minutes

Pre-K 3- Non VPK
Homework
Read to your child 5 nights a week or more for 20 minutes
Fill out Reading Log
2 Age-appropriate Worksheets
1 Being on Track to Kindergarten for VPK only



Benefits of Reading to your child 20 minutes per day
They hear 1,800 words per day.
They score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.

Did you know?

Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center is a:

- DCF Gold Seal Center
- Guildy Stars 5-Star Center
- NACEY National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation.

Parks' Place Daycare & Learning

- Offers 2 scholarships per year.
- Has a partnership with to offer:
- ELC School Readiness Childcare
- Financial Assistance
- VPK- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program
- USDA Childcare Food Program



Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center
Parent & Family Engagement Plan

What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular 2-way, and meaningful communication involving students academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- A. Parents play an integral role
- B. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- C. That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- D. The carrying out of other activities such as those described in our Student Success Goals.

Student Success Goals

- **Goal Area 1**/ Parent-Teacher Conference: Every child will be assessed within the 1st ten days of enrollment and will confer with parents within 1st 30 days.
- **Goal Area 2**/ Parent Advisory Board: Each parent will be invited to join PAC/ with monthly meetings, and Parent Café twice a year.
- **Goal Area 3**/ Provide Useful Monthly Newsletters: VROOM enrollment for 50% of parents.
- **Goal Area 4**/ Monthly Family Engagement Activities:
  - Quarterly field trips (4 for the year)
  - Monthly Family Engagement Activity to take home.



Calendar Highlights

August 10, 2026	First day of School
September 7, 2026	Labor Day
September 11, 2026	Grandparents Day
October 12 -13, 2026	Teacher Planning Day
October 30, 2026	Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival (Volunteers Needed)
November 11, 2026	Veteran's Day- PPLC Closed
November 20, 2026	Thanksgiving Feast (Parents invited)
November 26 - 27, 2026	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 21-January 1, 2027*	Christmas Break
January 1, 2027	Happy New Year
January 4 - 5, 2027	Teacher Planning Day
January 18, 2027	MLK Birthday Observance
February 15, 2027	President's Day
March 12, 2027	Teacher Planning Day
March 15-19, 2027	Spring Break
March 26, 2027	Good Friday
May 28, 2027	Last Day of School
May 31, 2027	Memorial Day- PPLC Closed

December See Calendar for all activities

2026-2027

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Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center - School Calendar

July 3	Independence Day Observed – PPLC Closed
August 1	Open House- 20th Anniversary
August 3-7	Employee Planning/Inservice
August 10	First Day of School
August 24-28	PPLC Rituals & Routines
September 7	Labor Day Holiday- PPLC Closed
September 8-11	PPLC Assessments
September 11	Grandparents' Day/Patriot Day- Grandparents invited!
	Open House?
October 9	End of Grading Period
October 12-13	Employee Planning/Inservice- No VPK
October 16	Report Cards Go Home
October 23	VPK Awards Ceremony
October 30	Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival- Volunteers Needed
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday- PPLC Closed
November 20	Thanksgiving Feast
November 25	No VPK, PPLC Closing Early
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday- PPLC Closed
December 7-11	Santa's Workshop- Volunteers Needed
December 18	End of Grading Period, Polar Express/PJ Day
December 21- January 1, 2027	Christmas/Winter Break- No VPK Winter Break Camp
December 25	Christmas Day- PPLC Closed
January 1, 2027	New Years Day- PPLC Closed
January 4-5	Employee Planning/Inservice- No VPK
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- PPLC Closed
January 22	VPK Awards Ceremony
February 15	Presidents Day Holiday- PPLC Closed
March 11	End of Grading Period
March 12	Employee Planning/Inservice- No VPK
March 15-19	Spring Break – No VPK
March 25	Easter Egg Hunt/Hop-A-Thon – Volunteers Needed
March 26	Spring Holiday/Good Friday- No VPK
March 29	Report Cards Go Home
April 2	VPK Awards Ceremony
April 19-23	Scholastic Book Fair- Volunteers Needed
April 23	Earth Day Celebration
May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 7	Mother's Day Tea
May 21	Field Day- Volunteers Needed
May 28	Last Day of School – End of Grading Period
May 29	VPK Graduation
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday- PPLC Closed
Jun 19	Juneteenth Holiday

Teacher Planning Day
Early Release Day
Holidays- Closed
Awards Ceremony
First & Last Day of School
Report Cards

Weather-Related School Closings

^If the Center must close for a day or more due to hazardous weather, the Center will utilize weather day/s to provide for any lost instructional days. Given the placement of weather days on June 1 and 2, there is a possibility that the school year could extend past May 28th. Should there be no need to use the Weather Days on June 1 and 2, teacher post-planning days would be moved up to begin on the first available non-instructional day during that week.

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Infant Room Checklist

Parents must provide:

❑Infant Feeding Form
❑Diary needs of your baby
❑Three changes of clothes
❑Bibs & Socks
❑Cover for the crib
❑4 Bottles
❑Breastfeeding families- breastmilk for 2 days
❑Diapers (at least 1 packet)
❑Wipes
❑Baby picture/Family picture

The Center provides the formula milk. If your child drinks a particular formula milk, please notify the Center. The Center also provides food and desserts for the child.
If the baby drinks breast milk, please mark the date and name.

Toddler 1 and 2 Checklist

❑Two changes of clothes

❑Family pictures

❑Diapers and wipes for 1 week

❑Favorite blanket

❑Favorite toy to sleep with

❑5 very important habits that my child has

PreK 3 Checklist

- ❑All About Me Survey
- ❑Change of clothes in a $.99 plastic container
- ❑Blanket for cot/special toys
- ❑5 things that you want us to know about your family

School Age Program

- ❑Time 6:30AM-7:30AM We Provide Breakfast
- ❑Time 3:00PM- 6:30PM We Provide PM Snack
- ❑We provide tuition tutoring assistance
- ❑We provide I Ready Contact
- ❑We provide care on: Early Release, Planning Day, Weather Day, Holiday, Spring Break, Summer Camp

Parents Night Out (Quarterly)

- ❑By Reservation Only
- ❑6:30AM- 6:30PM
- ❑We provide breakfast, lunch, and a late afternoon healthy snack

VPK Supply List



1. One smock for painting labeled with your child's name. Mom or Dad's old T-shirts work well for this.

2. One plastic shoe box with lid with a change of seasonal clothes. Please **label** each individual item in the bag: shirt, shorts, or pants, **under- wear,** and socks.

3. Two family size boxes of tissues

4. If you VPK naps, we suggest a "lovely" or security item in addition t9 sending a blanket, fitted crib sheet, and a small pillow (airline sized or smaller if your child uses one) with pillowcase.

5. A photograph of your child AND a photograph of your family

6. One box of regular-sized Crayola crayons (24 colors)

7. One pack of Crayola washable multicolored markers (traditional colors)

8. One large bottle of Elmer's white liquid school glue

9. Six Elmer's glue sticks

10. One *package of* Frisker Brand scissors for children

11. One pack of Big Crayola colored pencils

12. One Plastic pencils box

13. 2 Rims of copy paper

14. Two packs of Sharpie Markers

15. Hand Sanitizer

16. One package of brown paper bags

17. Gallon Size Zip lock bags

18. Package of Fat Pencils (Primary Pencils)



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Contactless Check In and Out

You can now check your child in or out from your car or at front desk without touching the computer.

ProCare Connect Instructions

How to Sign-In/Sign-Out Children:

Children need to be signed-in and out through ProCare Connect on the web browser, not through the desktop

- Open the website: https://schools.procareconnect.com/dashboard
- Click on Student Sign-In on the left menu bar
- On the top right, click on the blue bar that says create sign-in
- Click Sign-In attendance if signing in a child, or sign-out attendance if signing out child
- Search for child either by name or by classroom
- Click on the child you want to sign in
- Click on continue
- Choose the room they are to be signed in on
- Choose the name of the person that is signing them in
- Change the time if needed
- Then click sign-in

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2026-2027
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program-Morning

Attendance and Tardiness Policy

Parents of children enrolled in a VPK class must comply with an attendance policy.

VPK Attendance Requirements

1. Your child must arrive in the VPK classroom no later than 8:30 AM daily.
2. Your child must participate in VPK activities until 11:30 AM daily.
3. Children who arrive late or leave early will be counted as absent on the VPK Attendance Form.
4. You must call the office (908-0140) if your child is going to be late or absent.
5. If a child is absent for 5 consecutive instructional days, he will be dismissed from the VPK program.
6. Absences and tardiness may be excused under "extraordinary circumstances" if appropriate documentation is provided. These include:
    a. Hospitalization of the child, his parents or guardian (Doctor's note).
    b. Illness of the student, his/her parent or guardian that requires the ill person to remain at home (Doctor's note).
    c. Death of a member of the students, parents or guardian's immediate family (Obituary or death certificate).
    d. Count ordered visitation (court documents)
    e. Parent's or guardian's military deployment (military documentation).
7. A child may not miss more than 26 days per year for illness.
8. A child may not miss more than 35 days per year regardless of circumstances.
9. Parents must complete and sign an attendance verification form EACH month. These forms will be distributed on the last instructional day of each month and must be Signed and returned to the office the same day.

Children who do not meet attendance requirements will lose VPK funding. The child may be allowed to remain in the classroom but will be required to pay full tuition.

I understand and accept the terms of the VPK attendance policy.

Child: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program- Afternoon

Attendance and Tardiness Policy

Parents of children enrolled in a VPK class must comply with an attendance policy.

VPK Attendance Requirements

1. Your child must arrive in the VPK classroom no later than 12:00 PM daily.
2. Your child must participate in VPK activities until 3:00 PM daily.
3. Children who arrive late or leave early will be counted as absent on the VPK Attendance Form.
4. You must call the office (908-0140) if your child is going to be late or absent.
5. If a child is absent for 5 consecutive instructional days, he/she will be dismissed from the VPK program.
6. Absences and tardiness may be excused under "extraordinary circumstances" if appropriate documentation is provided. These include:
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Dear Parents and Families,

We are sending this updated notice to clarify our operating policies, tuition coverage, and cell phone expectations while inside the center.

Tuition Coverage

Your child's tuition covers up to **10 hours of care per day**, beginning at the time your child is dropped off. If your child remains in care beyond the 10-hour daily limit, additional fees will be added to your account.

Arrival and Pick-Up Times

The daily cut-off time for child drop-off is **9:00 AM**. Children should not arrive after this time unless prior approval has been given. Summer campers should be picked up by **5:30 PM**.

Cell Phone Use Policy

For the safety and privacy of all children, cell phone use is not permitted inside the building. We ask that parents give their child their full attention during drop-off and pick-up.

If you choose to take a picture of your child while at the center, the photo must include **only your child**. Please do not record or take photos of other children, families, or staff without permission.

This policy helps protect everyone's privacy and ensures that any concerns are noticed and addressed before leaving the building.

Pricing Update

Please be mindful that our updated pricing will go into effect on **August 1** for families who are currently enrolled in our program.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue working to provide a safe, respectful, and well-organized environment for all children and families.

Sincerely,

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Classroom & Program Pricing Guide
Effective August 1, 2026— July 31, 2027

WEEKLY FEES			
Program	**5 Days**	**3 Days**	**1 Day**
Infants (6 wks –18 mths)	**$348.40**	—	—
Toddlers (18–23 mths)	**$327.60**	$244.40	$104 Daily
Two Yr Olds (24–35 mths)	**$327.60**	$244.40	$104 Daily
Pre-K (3–5 yrs, Non-VPK)	**$286.00**	$223.60	$104 Daily
Pre-K (VPK Wrap)	**$223.60**	$88.40 Daily	$88.40 Daily
Before/After School	**$212.20**	—	$46.80 Per Trip
Before School Only	**$124.80**	—	$46.80 Per Trip
After School Only	**$145.60**	—	$88.40 Daily
School Age Summer Program	**$234.00**	—	—
Holiday Camp	**$234.00**	—	—
Activity Fees (Cost of Field Trip)			

Payments: Payments are due weekly. A late fee will be charged if payment is not made by Friday at 12PM.

Registration Fee: $50.00 Per Child

Deposit: SAME AS WEEKLY TUITION

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VPK Uniform/Uniform Information Sheet
2026-2027

Uniform tops should be hunter green polos.
These can be found at/Estos se pueden encontrar:
Walmart for $4.47
Target for $6.00
Kmart for $7.99
Amazon *Prices Vary/Precios Varian*



Uniform bottoms should be khaki.
These can be found at/Estos se pueden encontrar:
Walmart starting at $5.00
Target starting at $5.00
Kmart starting at $7.99
Amazon *Prices Vary/Precios Varian*



Uniform bottoms should be khaki.
These can be found at/Estos se pueden encontrar:
Walmart starting at $8.97
Target starting at $7.99
Kmart starting at $7.99
Amazon *Prices Vary/Precios Varian*



There are also several local consignment shops and thrift stores that have used options for sale at a deeply discounted price.

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LENDING LIBRARY

Date:_____

Dear Families:

We are excited to introduce you to our new Parent-Child Lending Library! As you know, reading to your child daily is very important and this new library is a new way to further engage families at home, encourage your child to learn, and offer practical ways of teaching your child at home.

The Lending Library consists of themed bags and numerous books on a variety of topics. The kits/books/materials are sorted by age group. Our hope is that this Lending Library will successfully reach as many parents/families in our center as possible. In order to do so, the following rules apply to the Library:

- **Each parent/guardian must sign the attached agreement in acknowledgement of the rules and regulations regarding the Library and return to the Asst. Director prior to checking out.**
- **Parents/Guardians must go to the Asst. Director to sign for the bags/books upon checkout and return.**
- **Only parents/guardians can check-out materials; no extended family members are allowed to check them out.**
- **The length of the checkout time is limited to 5 days. Items must returned on or before the 5th day.**
- **We also ask families to allow one week between checking out bags/books so that other families have the opportunity to utilize the materials.**
- **If items/bags are not returned or are damaged, that family may be disqualified from checking out materials in the future.**

Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation in making our Parent-Child Lending Library a success and a great learning experience for our children!

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LENDING LIBRARY CONTRACT

The Lending Library is designed to increase the bond and learning experience between parents/guardians and their children. We are excited to assist our families in increasing this bond and creating new learning experiences at home. So that we can do this successfully, the following rules apply to our Parent-Child Lending Library:



- I must return this agreement to the Asst. Director in order to check-out materials.
- I must go to the Asst. Director to check out materials.
- I acknowledge that only parent/guardians are allowed to check-out materials.
- I must sign for materials upon check-out and check-in.
- I acknowledge that materials must be returned on or before the fifth (5th) day of check-out.
- I must allow one week between checking out materials.
- I must use the materials from the Lending Library with my child. My child must not be allowed to use the material unmonitored.
- If materials are not returned on time or are returned damaged, the Asst. Director reserves the right to restrict me from checking out materials in the future.
- I must check out materials that are appropriate for my child's age or developmental stage.

My signature verifies that I agree to the following terms and would like to utilize the Parent-Child Lending Library to enhance my child's learning at home.

Child's Name:_____ Date:_____

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature:_____

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature:_____

Director's Signature:_____ Date:_____



Dear Families,

Welcome to preschool!

We are delighted to share that our program implements *The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*, by Teaching Strategies®. The curriculum is designed to build each child's confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills through hands-on, project-based learning and focused, daily opportunities to build essential foundational skills in literacy and math.

Here are a few of the things that make *The Creative Curriculum®* the right choice for children, teachers, and families.

The curriculum and its materials are intentionally designed to help teachers …

1. **Build classroom community.**
   First and foremost, we want everyone at our school to feel safe, happy, and included.

2. **Develop children's important skills through play.**
   The curriculum is designed to build each child's reading and math skills, while also helping children discover that learning is empowering, and school is fun.

3. **Guide interesting, long-term project learning.**
   The curriculum helps us dive deeply into science and social studies concepts through hands-on "studies" of interesting topics, using everyday materials in ways that maximize children's natural curiosity and eagerness to grow.

4. **Pay attention to each child's strengths, needs, and interests.**
   The curriculum's daily resources help us make sure each child is gently challenged but not frustrated.

5. **Offer many ways for families to be involved.**
   We want every child's family to be our partners in guiding children's development and learning and building a solid foundation for future success in school and in life.

6. **Celebrate children's learning.**
   Together, we will honor the excitement of learning and the joy of growing up.

I will continue to share important information with you about your child's learning as the year progresses. Meanwhile, you can learn much more about ***The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool*** and its many important tools and resources by visiting *teachingstrategies.com/solution/preschool*.

We look forward to learning and growing together this year!

Sincerely,

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Childcare Diaper & Potty-Training Policy

(Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Classrooms)

1. Parent Responsibilities (What to Bring)

To ensure proper hygiene and comfort, families must provide the following items:

- Disposable diapers (or approved cloth diapers)
- Baby wipes (unscented preferred)
- Diaper cream/ointment (with written permission)
- At least 1–2 changes of clothing
- Plastic bags or wet bags for soiled items

👉 Parents are responsible for maintaining a steady supply of these items, typically on a weekly basis.

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2. Diaper Type Requirements (By Classroom)

Infant Room (0–12 months)

- **Infant diapers are required**
- Must be high-absorbency disposable diapers
- Diapers should have:
  - Leak protection
  - Proper fit (no oversized diapers)
  - Easy-open tabs for safe and efficient changes
- Cloth diapers may be accepted only if:
  - Fully assembled (no staff preparation required)
  - A sealed wet bag is provided

One-Year-Old Room (12–24 months)

- **Regular diapers are required**
- Diapers must be:
  - Easy to change
  - Properly fitted
  - Clearly labeled with the child's name

Two-Year-Old Room

- **Children should be in pull-ups (starter type)**
- Pull-ups must:
  - Support early potty training
  - Be easy for staff to change
  - Be labeled with the child's name

Three-Year-Old Room

- **Children must be in pull-ups if they are potty training**
- The center will actively **continue the potty training process** in this classroom
- Pull-ups should allow for easy up/down use to encourage independence

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VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten)

- ⃠ **No pull-ups are permitted in VPK**
- Children must be fully potty trained
- Children should be able to:
  - Use the restroom independently
  - Manage clothing with minimal assistance
  - Communicate toileting needs

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3. Supply Expectations

- Parents must maintain a minimum weekly supply
- Recommended:
  - 20–30 diapers/pull-ups per week (varies by age)
  - 1 full pack of wipes
- Families will be notified when supplies are low

👉 Children are changed multiple times daily, so maintaining supplies is essential.

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4. Diaper Changing Practices (Center Policy)

For health and licensing compliance:

- Diapers/pull-ups are changed:
  - Immediately when wet or soiled
  - At regular intervals throughout the day
- Staff follow strict sanitation procedures
- Each child's diapering is tracked daily and shared with parents

👉 Ohio licensing requires prompt changing and daily documentation.

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5. Health & Safety Requirements

- All items must be labeled with the child's name
- Diaper creams require written authorization
- Soiled diapers and clothing are:
  - Bagged and sent home daily
  - Stored separately from clean items

👉 Proper handling prevents contamination and ensures compliance.

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6. Center Discretion

The center reserves the right to:

- Request a different diaper or pull-up type if current ones leak or cause irritation
- Provide emergency diapers/pull-ups (fees may apply)



Potty Training Procedures Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center

Potty Training Procedures

Purpose:
To provide a consistent, supportive, and developmentally appropriate approach to potty training that encourages independence and promotes a positive experience for each child and family.

1. Readiness Indicators

- Staying dry for at least two hours at a time.
- Showing awareness of having a wet or soiled diaper.
- Demonstrating interest in the toilet or wearing underwear.
- Communicating the need to use the bathroom.
- Being able to pull pants up and down with minimal assistance.

2. Parent Collaboration

- Parents and teachers will discuss each child's readiness and develop a plan together.
- Parents are encouraged to begin potty training at home during a time of stability (no recent moves, new siblings, etc.).
- Consistency between home and school is essential. The same language, routines, and expectations should be used in both settings.
- Parents are asked to provide: several changes of clothing (including underwear and socks), pull-ups or training underwear if needed, wipes, and plastic bags for soiled clothing.

3. Classroom Procedures

- Children will be encouraged to use the toilet at regular intervals (before meals, after naps, and as needed).
- Staff will accompany children to the bathroom and provide appropriate supervision and assistance.
- Teachers will use positive reinforcement — praising effort and progress, not just success.
- Accidents are treated calmly and respectfully; children are never punished or shamed.
- Staff will ensure that all bathroom areas are clean, sanitary, and safe at all times.

4. Hygiene & Sanitation

- Staff will wear gloves when assisting with accidents or changing soiled clothing.
- Soiled clothing will be placed in a sealed plastic bag and sent home for washing.
- Children and staff will wash hands thoroughly after each bathroom use or diaper change.

5. Communication

- Daily communication between staff and parents will include updates on progress and any challenges.
- Parents will be informed if their child has an accident and whether additional clothing is needed.
- Teachers will document progress as part of each child's developmental record.

6. Positive Reinforcement

- Encouragement, praise, and patience are key to successful potty training.
- Stickers, charts, or verbal praise may be used as motivators.
- No child will ever be forced to use the toilet or made to feel embarrassed about accidents.

7. Setbacks

- Setbacks are a normal part of the potty-training process.
- Teachers and parents will communicate about any regression to ensure the child feels supported.
- If a child shows consistent distress or resistance, training may be paused and revisited later.

8. Staff Responsibility

- Ensure a calm, encouraging environment.
- Maintain open communication with families.
- Follow all health and safety guidelines.
- Respect each child's individual pace and readiness.

Testimonials

Open House

- **Kent Harris** — "The open house felt open, clean, safe, and welcoming."
- **Cassandra** — "The classrooms were the best part of Open House."
- **Lorraine Diaz** — "I liked how organized everything was. My child enjoyed playing with the other kids."
- **Michelle Braza** — "I liked that I could talk with my child's teacher. The staff was friendly, clean, and child-oriented."
- **Jackie Harris** — "I enjoyed the interaction with all of the employees. My child loved seeing friends before school."
- **Parent Testimony** — "Beautiful place, staff, and rooms. Thank you for inviting us."
- **Parent Testimony** — "Everything was explained in a way that was excellent and professional. The team of teachers is wonderful. Thank you for the love and support you give the children."
- **Parent Testimony** — "It was helpful meeting the teachers and seeing the classrooms."
- **Parent Testimony** — "Everything was answered, and all of our questions were addressed."
- **Parent Testimony** — "It was great to meet everyone and make sure we are doing what is best for our child."

Museum Field Trip

- **Katherine Diaz** — "The field trip was super fun and interesting. My child had fun and enjoyed the different rooms."
- **Idania Lopez** — "We thought the field trip was very nice. The kids learned, and we had a lot of fun as a family. The teacher was very kind, and we are very happy to have gone."
- **Idania Lopez** — "My child really enjoyed sharing the field trip experience with his classmates from VPK."
- **Parent Testimony** — "The children had so much fun. My child said they were having so much fun, and I had never been there before."
- **Parent Testimony** — "It was amazing. The children had so much fun on the field trip."

Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat

- **Rebecca Boldito** — "It was amazing, very creative, and the participation from teachers, parents, and kids was fantastic."
- **Rebecca Boldito** — "The best part was seeing all the pumpkins, decorations, and costumes. Parks' Place is great!"
- **Astrid Stephens** — "It was a lot of fun. The best part was seeing all the kids laugh and smile."
- **Aileen Brown** — "I enjoyed seeing the parents and kids. Parks' Place was helping each other, and the kids really enjoyed themselves."
- **Innes Stephens** — "It was fun getting to make a masterpiece. The best part was seeing all the creativity."
- **Sophia Cunningham & Lisa King** — "Fantastic and absolutely lovely. The best part was the kids' smiles and the animals."
- **Maria Robinson** — "It was amazing. The kids enjoyed the farm truck and all the props."
- **Parent Testimony** — "The teachers, parents, and children did a fantastic job."
- **Parent Testimony** — "The decorations and costumes were great."

Google Reviews

Caden Anderson

★★★★★

"Reasonable price. Great stay and safe place."

Services: Meal preparation, Homework assistance, Educational services

Asia Figueroa

★★★★★

"Great price. My son really enjoys this daycare and so do I. He enjoys his time with his friends and his teachers."

Services: Meal preparation, Field trips, Educational services

Caleb Stovall

★★★★★

"Great price. The facility is very organized. My child's development is day and night."

Services: Meal preparation, Field trips

Gloria Toomer

★★★★★

"Everyone... the entire staff is so welcoming and friendly. So glad my grandson is a part of the Parks Place."

Sebastian Gamba

★★★★★

"Great price."

Services: Educational services

Will Simpson

★★★★★

No written review provided.

Services: Educational services

Dakota Wendt

★★★★★

"Reasonable price."

Services: Meal preparation, Field trips, Educational services

Claudette Carter

★★★★★

"Ms. Michele is the brightest part of my daughter's experience. The staff is attentive. Prices could be much better, considering the times. I love development and the extra circus, just not associated costs. Overall, a caring place for my child."

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