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CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION

GUIDELINES

ARRIVAL - When you first come in, assist children with their coat and boot removal, getting sneakers on and tied. Encourage them to find their name or address on the table if those cards are laid out.

BATHROOM DUTY - Be sure child flushes the toilet and then washes their hands with soap and water. Hand a paper towel to the child to dry their hands.

SNACK SET UP - Help to clear tables and then wash them prior to setting up snack. Your child will help you place the napkins, cups, and (sometimes) the snack at each place. The drink must be poured by the participating grown up.

SNACK CLEAN UP - Clean the tables*, sweep the floor, wipe chairs, (pm only-clean paintbrushes).

ALL AROUND HELPER - While you are here you are a teacher's aide. Find ways to interact with the children...do puzzles, play memory or card games, use building blocks, read a story, use your imagination, get down on the floor, squeeze into a little chair, play and HAVE FUN with the children! The teachers count on you for help during the various routines. If in doubt of what to do, please – ASK. Together, you and the teachers are a team working with the children.

SNACK

Snack time is an opportunity for the children to learn how to follow directions, learn manners, and to sit and socialize at a table setting. This will help prepare them for kindergarten lunch time. Snacks should be small and as healthy as possible. Since snack time is right before class-end, we don't want them to have too much and ruin their appetite for lunch. If you are bringing a special treat to celebrate a birthday, we ask the sweets be a very small portion (example: one oreo, or a mini cupcake vs full size). Your child will be able to choose from a variety of snacks that are provided by our Snack Chair such as:

- cheese stick
- small handful of grapes or raisins
- a few apple slices or celery sticks
- some pretzels
- a child size fistful of goldfish
- a graham cracker

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