

Potty Training Expectations for PreK3 and PreK4 Students

Dear PreK Families,

We are thrilled to welcome your child to our PreK3 and PreK4 programs at Doane! As we prepare for a school year filled with learning, creativity, and social development, we'd like to take a moment to highlight an important part of school readiness: independent potty training. Our classrooms are designed to support independence and encourage confidence in our young learners.

For your child to fully engage in classroom routines and experiences, it is important that they become fully independently potty trained.

What Does “Fully Potty Trained” Look Like In PreK?

- Your child can recognize when they need to use the toilet. (and can express that need before having an accident)
- Your child can independently pull down/up clothing and use the toilet.
- Your child can seat themselves on the toilet, sit comfortably, and complete the act of elimination.
- Your child can wipe themselves and wash their hands afterward.
- Your child can perform these tasks with little to no adult prompting or assistance.
- Your child wears underwear, not diapers or pull-ups, during the school day.

We also want to acknowledge that starting school is a big transition for young children. New routines, unfamiliar environments, and moments of excitement or nervousness can sometimes lead to occasional accidents — and that's completely understandable. Our staff is prepared to handle those moments with care and discretion. We simply ask that your child be at a stage where they are not reliant on diapers or pull-ups and can manage toileting independently most of the time. All PreK students are asked to have a change of clothes (or two) at school. If the clothing is wet/soiled and sent, we must have a replacement for the following day.

We understand that potty training is a process, and every child develops at their own pace. If your child is still working toward full independence, we encourage you to continue this progress at home in the next few weeks as we settle into our new routines at school. Here is a helpful and supportive book you may want to consider as a resource: [Let's Go to the Potty: A Potty Training Book for Toddlers](#).

Thank you for partnering with us to create a positive, supportive experience for your child. If you have any questions or would like resources to assist in the potty training process, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you.

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