

## Toddler Classroom Dress Code

### Why a Dress Code?

The goal of our Toddler classroom Dress Code is to continue to support your students growing independence and autonomy. As they begin the toilet learning journey, we work to foster the skills needed to successfully master toileting. This success begins with self-dressing, and helping students find a rhythm and order to systematic steps. To help develop both of these critical skills, children will arrive each day to school in clothing from home, and known as “Home Clothes”, and upon arrival they will change into their “School Clothes.” School Clothes will be properly fitting and will be made to best support a child’s practice in self-dressing. Additionally, School Clothes will help your student prepare mentally for their Work Cycle and will help foster their sense of belonging and pride in their self-image. School Clothes will be provided by MMA. School Clothes will be *school-colored\** pants or shorts and long sleeve/short sleeve t-shirt sporting a school logo. School Clothes will be washed and kept at school. Students will have the opportunity to choose the color of their pants and their shirt, prior to changing each day. Children will change back into their Home Clothes after nap each day, prior to the end of the school day.

### Home Clothes:

Clothes your toddler arrives to school in need to be:

- Comfortable, weather appropriate, and sized correctly. (Both baggy clothing and overly tight fitted clothing can prohibit a child’s movement.)
- Clothing may not have characters, fantasy items, glitter, sequins, or bedazzles of any kind.
- Pants or shorts need to have elastic waistbands (no fasteners).
- No body suits or one-piece outfits after 12 months of age.
- No skirts or dresses.

### Outdoor Shoes

- Outdoor shoes need to be close-toed and have a back strap.
- Please no light up shoes, flip flips, high heels, shoes with wheels, or dress-up shoes.
- Shoes may not have characters or fantasy items on them.
- Children may only wear shoes with laces if they are able to tie them by themselves.
- Please send your child in shoes that are appropriate for outdoor play.

### Indoor Shoes

- Here are some examples of the types of indoor shoes that would be acceptable. *Please no slippers!*
  - [Example 1: TOMS](#)
  - [Example 2: NATIVE](#)
  - [Example 3: Sneakers](#)
  - [Example 4: Tennis Shoes](#)

### Accessories

- Please no dangling earrings or play jewelry.
- Ball caps and hats may not be worn in school.
- Please no gloves or mittens that are attached to a string.
- Dress-up clothing and costume wear is not allowed.
- *School-colored\** hair accessories are acceptable.