



Welcome to the Barnyard Toddlers Classroom!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to care for your child. We are so excited to meet you and your family. We hope to make your child's learning experience fun and exciting while instilling a love of learning that will last throughout your child's lifetime.

What You Can Expect

Our classroom uses Funshine Express curriculum for Toddlers to plan our monthly activity calendars. Our activities focus on the following learning standards: Social/ Emotional, Math/Science, Creative Expression, Language & Emerging Literacy and Physical Health and Development. All activities correlate with our state GELDS (Georgia Early Learning & Development Skills) We utilize a "rolling schedule" based on our student's needs and temperaments when planning our daily activities. Research shows that children learn better and more thoroughly through play. Keeping this in mind, the majority of our activities are "hands on". Many times when you view your child in their classroom setting, it may seem that we are just playing when in reality our students are learning through teacher guided and student choice play. We strive to teach our toddlers the skills necessary to become self-reliant. We begin teaching them to eat using proper utensils and move to drinking from a cup with no lid. We also encourage our students to help serve themselves at mealtimes and solve minor conflicts throughout the day. We also start to instill good safety and hygiene by teaching proper hand washing and the correct way to use play equipment.

You will be given a bi-month newsletter the first week of every other month. You can also view activity calendars in our Classroom Information Area located on the wall in the classroom.. Your child will also be signed up for Preschool Gazette. This is an online version of our daily "tattler sheets". In this program we will log some of your child's activities for the day, how they ate and napped, and what their mood was. We will also use Preschool Gazette to leave you notes about your child and the center. This information will be made available to you through your email and will be updated periodically throughout the day.

What We Need From You

Our center provides everything that your child should need throughout the day. However, there are a few things that we need from you.

- ❖ Please make sure that your child always has weather appropriate change of clothing at all times. If your child has an accident and doesn't have a change of clothing, the office will have to contact you to bring some. We really don't want to bother you during the day.
- ❖ It is very important that we have diapers and wipes for your child at all times. When our supply is getting low, we will let you know via Preschool Gazette. If you would also like us to send you a text message reminding you, please let us know and we will do so. If you do not supply these items when needed and your child runs out, you will be charged \$2 for every center diaper that is used until you furnish the supplies needed.
- ❖ In each of our classrooms, we post a family board of our students. Please bring any pictures that you wish to share of your child with members of your family. These photos will never be published or displayed anywhere but our classroom. We have found that they bring comfort to some children to "see" their family during the day.

Important Policy Reminders & Classroom Info

This is a list of some important center reminders. You can find more comprehensive information in your Parent Handbook.

- ❖ All fees are due the Monday of the week of service by 6:00pm. If not paid by that time, a \$40 late fee will be added to your account and must be paid before your child is allowed to return to school.
- ❖ If your child becomes sick during the day with a fever of 101 degrees or higher, or another potentially contagious symptom, you will be notified and expected to pick your child up within one hour. Depending on your child's ailment, you may not be able to bring your child back to daycare for at least 24 hours AFTER symptoms end.
- ❖ Breakfast ends promptly at 8:30am. If you would like for your child to eat breakfast at the center, please have them here no later than 8:20am.
- ❖ Please do not bring any toys, food (unless medically necessary), cups, or utensils for your child to the center. We provide everything that your child will need throughout the day.
- ❖ Please do not bring a pacifier nor bottle for your child. Our staff teaches our students how to self sooth without having to rely on a pacifier or bottle.
- ❖ Please make sure that your child has a weather appropriate pair of shoes on every day; preferably hard soled walking shoes or tennis shoes. We are required to go outside everyday weather permitting. We do not have extra staff available to stay inside with your child should they not be able to go outside. Additionally, if your child is too sick to go outside, please keep them at home.
- ❖ You must clock your child in/out every day on the attendance computer located by the front desk. Your child also must be accompanied by an adult to and from their classroom. If you fail to clock your child in or out, you will be charged \$2 per occurrence.
- ❖ If you did not do so when enrolling your child, an up to date immunization certificate must be provided to the office within 30 days of enrolling and must be kept up to date throughout your child's stay at our center.
- ❖ If you would like to make a suggestion or comment about our center, there is a suggestion box located in the resource room downstairs. All suggestions/comments are kept confidential.

Thank you for allowing us the pleasure of caring for your child. We have an open door policy and parents are welcome to visit anytime their child is here. If you should ever need to talk to one of your child's teachers, please feel free to do so. If time is an issue, you are welcome to email us at:

sblckidz@gmail.com - Mrs. Sabrina Pitzer / Director

You can also reach us through our website at <http://www.sblckidz.com> to see current center events, room calendars, teacher bios and weekly menus. Follow us on social media at:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SpecialBlessings

We love to have visitors and volunteers to our center so please stop by as often as you can.

Sincerely,
Barnyard Toddlers
Teachers



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Family Emergency Information

Student's Full Name: _____

Nickname (if any): _____

Birthdate: _____ / _____ / _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Home Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent / Guardian Contact Information

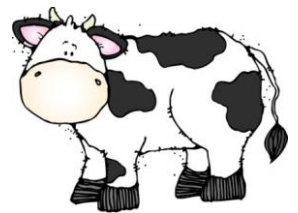
Mother / Guardian Name: _____

Nickname (if any) / I Prefer To Be Called: _____

❖ Work Number: (_____) _____ - _____

❖ Cell Number: (_____) _____ - _____

❖ Email Address: _____



How would you prefer to be contacted in an emergency? (Check One) Home Work Cell

Father / Guardian Name: _____

Nickname (if any) / I Prefer To Be Called: _____



❖ Work Number: (_____) _____ - _____

❖ Cell Number: (_____) _____ - _____

❖ Email Address: _____

How would you prefer to be contacted in an emergency? (Circle One) **Home** **Work** **Cell**

Please list any allergies, special needs or medical information we should be aware of: _____

We occasionally photograph / video the children to display throughout the center, use in craft activities, placed on our website and social media pages. Do we have your permission to photograph / video your child for these purposes?

Photos

Crafts ___ Yes ___ No
Center Display: ___ Yes ___ No
SBLC Website: ___ Yes ___ No
Facebook: ___ Yes ___ No

Videos

Crafts ___ Yes ___ No
Center Displays: ___ Yes ___ No
SBLC Website: ___ Yes ___ No
Facebook: ___ Yes ___ No



Barnyard Toddlers ALL ABOUT ME!

My full name is: _____.

I like to be called _____.

My birthday is on _____.

I have _____ brothers and _____ sisters.

I have _____ dogs _____ cats _____ other at home as my pet(s).



The people that live with me are my _____.

Their names and ages are _____.

My favorite food is _____.

My least favorite food is _____.

I like to play: (circle one) **By myself** **With others my age** **With older/younger friends**

I take a nap _____ (how many) times a day. When I take a nap, I like to sleep with my _____.

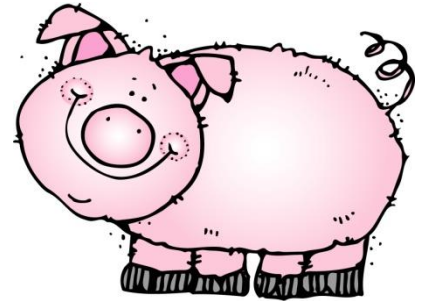
I like to have my back patted or rubbed to get to sleep. **Yes** **No**

I still take a (check one) Pacifier _____ Bottle _____ when at home.

I drink from a sippy cup at home. **Yes** **No**

I like to feed myself when eating. **Yes** **No**

I like to try and dress myself every morning. **Yes** **No**



For fun I like to _____.

Additional info mommy/daddy would like for my teachers to know.

Welcome to our class!



Barnyard Toddlers Volunteering

There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteering throughout your child's attendance in our classroom. Please checkmark any of the following activities you might like to help us out with. Thank you for your help!

- _____ General Paperwork (copying, filing, organizing),
- _____ Preparing activities (cutting, tracing, laminating)
- _____ Working in our classroom with our students
- _____ Assisting with arts' and crafts projects (planning, leading, or preparing)
- _____ Making bulletin boards
- _____ Helping with work that can be sent home (cutting, sorting, assembling)
- _____ Helping with parties
 - _____ Food (preparation or donation)
 - _____ Decorating
 - _____ Games
 - _____ Activities
 - _____ Donations (cups, napkins, cutlery, etc.)
- _____ Reading to our class
- _____ Helping out wherever needed
- _____ Other _____

For those who would like to volunteer on a regular basis, what days/times work best for you?

Days _____

Times _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____