



INFORMATION TO PARENTS STATEMENT

Dear Parents:

Welcome to Oceans of Fun Nursery School. We take great pride in our school because of our unique program. Not only will your child be in a small class (12 – 17 students) with certified teachers, but he/she will also experience gymnastics as part of each class. Our loving atmosphere promotes and encourages development in every area of growth. We want to make the nursery school experience a pleasant one for parents and a happy, stimulating one for the children.

You will be pleased with the results of our nursery school experience when you see your child:

- Make a successful break from home.
- Develop an interest and joy in learning.
- Grow in social skills with other children.
- Learn fine and gross motor skills.
- Continue to develop a positive self-concept.
- Develop self-expression and language skills.
- Develop self-control and responsibility.
- Develop security and a feeling of success.
- Learn school behavior that leads to success in
The role of a pupil.

This handbook will acquaint you with our program and procedures and will serve as a reference during the year. Your help and cooperation will assist us in helping your child. We look forward to answering any questions that you might have. Please feel free to talk to us any time that you feel it is necessary.

Sincerely,

OCEANS OF FUN NURSERY STAFF

GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule:

Oceans of Fun Nursery School follows the Toms River Regional School District calendar except for one in-service day, which we are not closed. If for any reason Oceans of Fun Nursery School has an emergency closing, it will be announced on the radio station – WOBM, 92.7 FM, and we will also have a message on our telephone.

Arrival and Dismissal:

Hours: Morning Session:	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 4 year olds
	9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 3 year olds
	9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., 2 ½ year olds
Afternoon Session:	12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 3 and 4 year olds
	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2 ½ year olds

Please arrive at the scheduled starting time and pick up your child promptly at dismissal. We need your cooperation in these matters since there is not much time between sessions.

Attendance:

In order to achieve our purposes, good attendance is desirable and necessary for the progress of your child. However, if a child is sick or just not feeling up to par, please keep him/her home until he/she feels better.

Health Policy:

Illness at school: You will be called should your child become ill while at school. Your doctor will be called only in an extreme emergency.

Communicable Diseases: A child with a communicable disease or undiagnosed skin rash should be kept home. Please notify the teacher. Common communicable diseases/illnesses among preschoolers are:

Chicken pox	Common cold
Conjunctivitis	Impetigo
Head lice	Pin worms
Strep throat	

Medical Release: Any injury that requires a doctors care, such as a fracture or serious sprain, needs a return to activity release form from your doctor.

Parents are advised to keep a child home in the event of the following:

- First three days of a cold
- Anytime the child has a fever over 100.6 F
- Anytime the child has a rash from any unknown cause
- Anytime the child has an upset stomach
- Anytime the child has a sore throat

Your preschool child.....

- Is curious about the world
- Is eager to learn
- Thinks in terms of what he sees, hears, and touches
- Develops language power through constant conversation
- Is learning to get along with other people outside the family
- Is physically active, but tires easily
- Is learning to express ideas freshly and creatively
- Is building good work habits
- Is learning to respect others and their rights
- Is learning to care for books and materials
- Is growing in muscle control

Parent's Role.....

You can help your child become independent in:

- Dressing
- Going to the bathroom
- Caring for his belongings
- Playing with other children
- Knowing his/her full name, address, and phone number
- Practicing safety rules

You can help your child learn about the community by:

- Taking him/her on errands in the neighborhood
- Taking him/her to see interesting places
- Pointing out details in the community
- Listening when he/she talks about his/her experiences

You can interest your child in books and reading by:

- Reading to him/her
- Encouraging your child to relate stories to others
- Appreciating work brought home
- Selecting and limiting T.V. programs
- Getting your child a library card

Clothing:

Dress your child in comfortable clothes that he/she will not be afraid to work and play in. Tights can be slippery, so heavy cotton socks are best for the gym. Earrings should not be worn in the gym for safety purposes.

Please send a complete change of clothes for your child. A plastic bag makes a good container. This will be handy if your child has an accident. He/She will feel better knowing that there are some extra clothes at school to put on in case of an emergency. The clothes will be returned at the end of the school year, or when necessary. Please mark the child's clothing and bag for identification to avoid confusion.

Toys, Games, Etc. from Home:

Oceans of Fun Nursery School is equipped with many toys for your child with which to play. Please limit the toys your child brings to class to one special toy or book that may ease his/her adjustment to nursery school or one that can be shared with the other children at circle time.

Birthdays:

Birthdays may be celebrated in school. If you wish, you may make arrangements to bring refreshments that day. Try to keep them simple.

Parent Involvement:

Our program can be enriched by your involvement. Parents make good resource persons to demonstrate and/or discuss careers, hobbies, and special skills. We invite you to share your experiences with us.

Observations are scheduled during the year, and Oceans of Fun Nursery School follows an open-door policy. However, due to safety precautions, observation of gymnastic sessions should be scheduled with the gym teacher.

The enclosed medical form can be returned by mail or may be brought with you on the first day of school. The following immunizations are required by law for a child to enter Nursery School. The month, day, and year of immunizations are required as follows:

1. Four doses of DPT, and the last dose shall be administered not less than six months after the previous dose.
2. Three doses of poliomyelitis vaccine, live, oral, trivalent and the last dose must have been administered not less than six months after the previous dose.
3. One dose of measles virus vaccine administered after one year of age. If your child's immunization was administered at less than one year of age, he/she is required to have another immunization.
4. One dose of rubella virus vaccine, live, or any vaccine combination containing Live rubella virus vaccine.
5. Mumps virus vaccine, live, or any vaccine combination containing live mumps virus vaccine.
6. Haemophilus B (HIB) immunizations are required according to age.
7. **Varicella**
8. **Flu Vaccine**

POLICY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

If a child exhibits any of the following symptoms, he/she should not attend the center. If such symptoms occur at the center, the child will be removed from the group, and you will be called to take him/her home.

- Severe pain or discomfort
- Acute diarrhea
- Episodes of acute vomiting
- Elevated oral temperature of 101.5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Sore throat or severe coughing
- Yellow eyes or jaundice skin
- Red eyes with discharge
- Infected, untreated skin patches
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Skin lesions that are weeping or bleeding
- Skin rashes lasting longer than 24 hours
- Swollen joints
- Visibly enlarged lymph nodes
- Stiff neck
- Blood in urine

Once the child is symptom-free, or has a doctor's note stating that he/she no longer poses a serious health risk to himself/herself or others, he/she may return to the center.

TABLE OF EXCLUDABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

A child who contracts any of the following diseases may not return to the center without a physician's note stating that the child presents no risk to himself/herself or others:

<u>Respiratory Illnesses</u>	<u>Gastrointestinal Illnesses</u>	<u>Contact Illnesses</u>
Chicken Pox**	Giardia Lamblia*	Impetigo
German Measles	Hepatitis A*	Lice
Hemophilus Influenzae*	Salmonella*	Scabies
Measles*	Shigella*	
Meningococcus*		
Mumps*		
Strep Throat		
Tuberculosis*		
Whooping Cough*		

*Reportable diseases that will be reported to the health department by the center.

** Note: If your child has chicken pox, a doctor's note is not required for re-admitting the child to the center. A note from the parent is required, stating either that at least six days have elapsed since the onset of the rash, or that all sores have dried and crusted.

If your child is exposed to any excludable disease at the center, you will be notified in writing.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

- Discipline is always positive in approach. Children who misbehave are guided to a more appropriate activity.
 - "Thinking Chair" is used if punishment is necessary, which requires the child to sit still for a few minutes.
 - Punishment is never physical. Hitting, humiliating, or depriving the child of food or sleep is forbidden at this establishment.
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- Step 1. Talk to child and explain the problem in a positive way. Reinforce appropriate behavior with praise.
- Step 2. Distract child and try to involve him/her in another activity.
- Step 3. Separate the child from the activity that is reinforcing the inappropriate behavior.
- Step 4. Thinking Chair that is within the room under supervision of Teacher/Aide.

TOILET-TRAINING POLICY

Oceans of Fun Nursery School and the parent shall consult together to develop a mutual plan regarding the individual toilet training of each child.

Oceans of Fun Nursery School shall not force toilet training on any child.

Oceans of Fun Nursery School shall utilize toilets, child-size toilets, toilet training chairs (potties), or children's toilet seats for children being toilet trained.

Toilet training chairs shall be emptied after each use and sanitized.

Toilet training chairs shall be located in rooms/areas separate from those used for cooking and eating.