



## **THIRD STREET TODDLERS – 2019/2020**

### **GUIDELINES for GROWN-UPS**

1. *Be patient.* Joining the toddler program is different from participating in a class. We know it takes time for children to learn our routines and expectations.
2. *Turn off your phones.* Photos are fine (of course!), but please, no texting or conversations.
3. *Leave coffee and snacks outside the classroom.*
4. *Be ready to support your toddler - to read, play and laugh with her.*
5. *Be ready to move!* Music and movement are a big part of our program.
6. *Be ready to get messy* with washable, non-toxic paint, play dough, glue and sand.
7. *Be there for every child.* We're all a family!
8. *Support your toddler's efforts,* but please don't draw or paint for them. Remember how much they learn by experimenting.
9. *One adult per child, please.* When you come to class, stay for the full hour and 45 minutes – no midstream change-overs. If you need to leave early, try to do so during our transition from the classroom into music.
10. *Follow Crystal and Naydelyn's leads.* If they indicate that it's time for snack, please help your child to end their play.

### **GUIDELINES for TODDLERS**

1. *Dress for mess!* That's how we explore and learn.
2. *Feel good.* Come to school when you are healthy and rested. No fevers, coughs or big runny noses, please.
3. *Don't worry if you feel tired* and need to leave early. Your stamina will grow from week to week.
4. *Take your time.* You don't have to try every activity the first time it's introduced.
5. *Be kind to your classmates.* Our program is about learning to be a good friend.
6. *Take turns with toys and materials* – it's much easier than sharing.

## **SNACK TIME**

1. There is a tradition at Third Street in which parents contribute to the toddlers' healthy eating habits by providing snack for the whole class for a week (two days) every now and then. Crystal will explain the process to you and create a schedule. Thank you, in advance.
2. Please let teachers know if your child has any allergies.
3. Snack time comes with some singing and a story.

## **THE SCHEDULE**

1. *Play time* - Children and their grown-ups start the day engaging with materials on the rug and at tables. These include toys, play dough, sand and pretend toys.
2. *Clean up* - In a short while, Crystal will signal that it's time for clean-up. We do this altogether.
3. *Project time* - Then everyone engages in a big art, building or cooking project.
4. *Next comes snack* - Crystal reads a story while children enjoy their snacks.
5. *Music & movement* – We all move across the hall, remove our shoes and join Ashley for music and movement time.
6. *Good-bye* - Before we know it, it's time for bubbles and good-bye.

## **STROLLERS**

1. Please park your stroller in our front lobby. Take with you what you will need during class.
2. You are welcome to pick up a Third Street stroller tag for easy identification.

## **QUESTIONS & UPDATES**

Please feel free to contact Crystal with your questions as they arise. Her email is: [cbock@thirdstreetmusicschool.org](mailto:cbock@thirdstreetmusicschool.org).