

## **Food Program Policy**

We participate in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and are required to meet specific criteria and nutritional expectations. We serve Breakfast ( 7:00am.-8:30am), Lunch (11:30-12:00) and afternoon Snack (3:00-3:30pm).

Our menu included specific required components in each meal served daily. When there is a specific dietary need, such as a milk or food allergy, we will ask for a signed statement from your child's pediatrician. Please complete the form entirely, and list substitution we can provide for your child. All Food service personnel, as well as staff, will be informed of this allergy or special need. Families who have religious or cultural dietary needs should complete a signed statement form. We will discuss how we can best accommodate your child's dietary needs. We post (for staff only) all allergy and special dietary needs in both our kitchen and classroom.

We are required by the CACFP to have documentation for your child. The "Medical Statement to Request Special Meals and/or Accommodations" will need to be completed and signed by parent/guardian, and also a Medical Authority.

As we are part of the CACFP we ask you to please speak to your child's teacher before bringing foods to the Center. We must make sure that, if there are food allergies in the Center, foods will be safe for all children. We have Holiday parties and celebrate birthdays in classrooms, however ask you to bringing a healthy treat alternative for the children. We will serve the birthday treat along side the usual snack in the afternoon, or after lunch food service.

Please do not bring your child to school with fast food meals, soda, donuts, etc. We ask that you have them finish these type of foods in your vehicle prior to coming into the facility. Additionally, we will not allow food service foods to be sent home with a child at pick up, but you are more than welcome to sit with your child while they finish the meal, or take the time to chat with your child's teacher.