



## TOYS



Teacher will be responsible for checking that all toys receive the appropriate care and meet the following guidelines:

- Teacher will check toys accessible to children less than 5 years of age. Objects are prohibited that have removable parts, or a diameter of less than 1 – ¼ inches, or is small enough to fit completely in a child’s mouth. No latex balloons, plastic bags and Styrofoam objects can be accessible to children under 5 years of age.
- Children under 5 will only have washable toys.
- All toys that are mouthed during the course of the day will be set aside in an inaccessible container before another child plays with the toy. Mouthed toys will be thoroughly washed with soap and water and disinfected. Toys may be washed and disinfected by hand. To wash and disinfect hard plastic toys: soak and scrub the toy in warm soapy water, use brush to get crevices clean. Rinse in clean water and then immerse the toy in a solution of bleach water as when washing dishes by hand. ( 1 tablespoon of bleach to 1 quart of water)
- Cloth toys for children who are still mouthing toys will be limited us use by only one child and cleaned in a washing machine and dried in a clothes dryer every week or more if needed.
- Toys used by children who do not put these objects in mouth will be cleaned at least weekly. Soap and detergent and water followed by clear water rinsing and air-drying will be used (no disinfecting is required)
- Water Table – When more than one child plays in the same water, the toys and container shall be disinfected before each use of the table, the children all wash hands before they use the table and staff supervise the water play closely to be sure no child drinks the water or has any contact between body fluids (from child’s nose, mouth, eye) in the water table. Alternative is to give each child a personal basin of water for play.
- Toys that develop sharp edges, coated with lead paint, have breakable glass, screws that have been unthreaded, or that present risks of injury from common use will be discarded.