



Food Safety Policy

1. No bottles or cups are carried while children are walking, running or crawling.
2. Teachers talk with families about when their child is ready to transition to a cup.
3. Staff will check food and drink provided by the center for expiration dates.
4. Children are seated at the table while eating.
5. No bottles are given in a crib or on a cot.
6. No glass containers.
7. Everything needs to be labeled with child's initials.

Infants only:

8. All bottles and infant food are brought into the center prepared.
9. Frozen human milk can be stored in the large kitchen freezer for emergency purposes only.
10. It is the parent's responsibility to track and label all food/milk with the child's name, the expiration date and the quantity.
11. Bottle feedings do not contain solid foods unless the child's health care provider supplies written instructions and a medical reason for this practice.
12. Staff discard after one hour any formula or human milk that is served but not completely consumed or is not refrigerated.
13. If staff warm formula or human milk, the milk is warmed in water at no more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit for no more than five minutes.
14. No milk, including human milk is warmed in a microwave oven.
15. All infants under 12 months old are held for bottle feedings.
16. No bottles are given in a crib or on a cot.
17. Bottles are not propped up for the infant.
18. No cow's milk is served to children under 12 months.