Lunch time needs your attention.



Developmentally appropriate, pleasant lunchtimes =

- Children are not expected to wait; they are engaged until lunch is served and may begin eating when seated.
- Each place setting includes napkins & utensils. Children help to set the table.
- Children are wearing bibs (as needed/requested).
- Teachers are sitting with children, to model good manners & encourage conversation.
- Mealtimes are a positive, social experience.
- Infants are fed on demand/per individual schedules.

OCFS Regulation 418-1.12(e) Children must be helped to gain independence in feeding themselves and should be encouraged to learn acceptable table manners appropriate to their developmental levels.

<u>PA Code 3270.111 (c)</u> Daily activities shall promote the development of skills, social competence and self-esteem.

MSA High Quality Indicator 4.2a Teachers treat the curriculum as everything that happens during the day. This includes while children play and explore, eat, interact...and are involved in transitions.



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