

## Children's Place Preschool Snack Policy

Outside Snacks/Foods: Due to state and local policies any food that is brought to school to be shared for such as an event or party must be purchased and brought to school in its original packaging. The package must contain a list of all ingredients printed on its packaging.

Lunches: Families are to provide lunches for children daily and be brought in each day in a lunchbox that is labeled with the child's name. All water bottles are also required to have the child's first and last name on them. Parents are required to send in balanced meals in appropriate quantities for your child. The school is not able to store food in refrigerator's nor able to warm food in a microwave.

There are many foods that are associated with children's choking incidents. According to DCF the following foods, but limited to, should not be brought to school for any child under the age of 4, whole/round hot dogs, popcorn, chips of any kind, pretzels of any kind, whole grapes, nuts, cheese cubes/sticks and/or any food that is similar in shape and size of a child's trachea. Food for infants must be cut into small pieces  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch or smaller, food for toddlers should be cut into  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or smaller to prevent choking. This applies to all food, even food provided by parents.

If your child has any kind of allergy, especially a food allergy we ask that you keep us up to date and ensure that you have the proper forms filled out with us so that we can take appropriate measures when needed.

Thank you,

Children's Place Staff