

## Clothing and Activity Permission Form

While your child attends AHCC, the staff will encourage your child to explore and immerse themselves in much indoor and outdoor art activities as well as outside play. Please dress your child in comfortable clothing and footwear. Do not send your child in clothing that you do not want to get dirty.

**Tennis shoes are a must for climbing and running. Save fancy shoes and clothing for the weekends.** For health and safety reasons, children must wear closed shoes and socks to school daily. Toddlers are encouraged to use self-help skills, which involve the children feeding themselves. Always have an extra set of clothes for your child, making sure that they are replaced frequently.

AHCC certainly appreciates family values and encounters many differences in terms of culture, languages, ethnic backgrounds, religions, perspectives and ways of living. However, it is our prayer and desire that the one commonality for young children we should agree on is that a child be allowed to be a child. This means allowing them the freedom to have fun, while at the same time keeping them safe. Dirty clothing, sand in the hair, smudged faces and dirty hands can ALWAYS be taken care of with a little soap and water. Not providing a child the freedom to explore and create cannot occur! The center strongly encourages that you dress your child in play clothing, not fancy attire. We also recommend that children do not wear fancy bows, ribbons, bracelets and necklaces.

Yes, my child may participate in art activities and work with items such as paint, glitter, crayons, markers, etc. as the teacher allows. I understand that my child's clothing and footwear may get dirty while creating and having fun. I understand that my child will be asked to change into their extra change of clothing, which I provide as needed. Toddlers will be assisted in changing their clothing. The soiled clothing will be sent home to be laundered. I understand that it is my responsibility to make sure my child always has "extra clothing" at the center. I understand that if I choose to send my child to the center in clothing which is inappropriate for the daily activities, which they will engage in as listed, above I will hold the center blameless.

I understand the AHCC's philosophy in accordance with *National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)* is that children's play is their "work."

Child's Name

Date