



SEASONAL OUTDOOR CLOTHING CHECKLIST

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!"

Part of a well-rounded Early Childhood program includes consistent outdoor playtime, especially during the time of COVID-19. Our classes plan outside time every day in their own designated play area, carefully watching temperatures and conditions for safety.

Families should plan on dropping your child each day dressed to play outside for an extended period of time, as we will always include outdoor play [in safe weather](#). Your teachers will send home items you may need for the next day at the end of the school day, or may keep items depending on the weather report. Each class will handle this differently, your teachers will share more about this at Back to School Night.

*For all needs, check Oaki, Lands' End + Tuffo for kid-friendly and items that last (they also have great sales!)

FALL

- Seasonal mid-weight jacket
- Rain Suit (to keep at school for unexpected rain; will be sent home if there is rain in forecast)
Suggestions: Oaki and Tuffo Muddy Buddy
- Rain Boots (to keep at school for unexpected rain; will be sent home if there is rain in forecast)
Suggestions: Bogs, Lands' End and Oaki (all have insulated options for multiple seasons)
- Warm Hat (as the temperature drops)
- Light gloves for cooler days (knit, stretchy)

WINTER*

- Winter, warm, waterproof jacket
- Warm hat
- Mittens or Gloves + pair to keep at school (easy for your child to put on and play in)
- Snow pants (can also be a full snow suit, a set to keep at school is preferred)
- Snow boots (insulated)*
Suggestions: Bogs, Lands' End and Oaki (all have insulated options for multiple seasons)
- Warm socks
- Long underwear for especially cold days (Uniqlo, Costco, Lands' End have great kids options)
- Rain Suit (to keep at school to wear over snow clothing on wet days)

SPRING/SUMMER

- Seasonal jacket
- Rain Suit
- Rain Boots
- Bathing Suit/Shoes that can get wet (for end of year)

And don't forget...label, label, label! Everything should have your child's name on it.

WINTER GEAR: MORE DETAILS

- Winter, warm, insulated & *waterproof* jacket
Suggestions: [Lands' End](#), LL Bean, Columbia



- Warm hat that covers ears (have back ups!)



- Mittens/Gloves - waterproof & easy to put on and play in. Fleece ok for non-snow days, but waterproof ones should have a longer, elastic wrist gaiter to go over your child's jacket sleeves. Highly recommend back-ups!



Suggestions: [Lands' End](#) or [Dick's](#)

- Snow pants/suit (waterproof)
Suggestions: [Lands' End](#)



- Snow boots (insulated)*
Suggestions: [Bogs](#), [Lands' End](#) and [Qaki](#) all have great options. They should come on and off easily.



- Warm socks, wool brands like REI, Darn Tough, SmartWool or Lands' End Thermaskin are best (we need a backup at school as well!).



- Long underwear ([Uniqlo](#) & Lands' End have great kids options); if you have a child who gets cold easily, highly recommend wool. This can be your child's clothing for the day, when we come inside and warm up!



- Rain Suit - you will still need it, especially if it fits over snow gear.

- Pair of indoor slippers or slipper socks (should cover your child's feet entirely and have grips/rubber on bottom to prevent slipping).
Suggestion: Hanna Andersson, Old Navy or Amazon



- Balaclava for especially cold days - a warm hat with a mask built-in! Fleece or wool versions are great. Have two as they will get yucky.

WINTER DRESSING FOR SCHOOL

Once we enter winter days, children should wear the following each morning when it is under 35 degrees:

- Long underwear (top and bottom) *
- Warm socks
- Snow pants*
- Jacket
- Hat and Gloves
- Warm, waterproof boots (even if dry out, they will keep their feet warm!)
- *Add mid layer like a zip fleece on especially cold days

On non-snow days, warm pants (wind pants, heavy sweatpants, fleece-lined leggings) plus long underwear will do the trick. Feel free to just stick with snow pants if routine works better in your household.

To leave at school:

- Slippers
- 3-4 changes of "street" clothing (switch to long pants, long sleeve shirts, warm socks, etc.)
- Pair of socks
- Extra pair of gloves (if you have)

When we come inside, the kids can wear their long underwear, or will be changed if wet.

Changes of clothing at school are important during these months. All kids will change into their slippers to make sure we keep the classroom cozy and dry. They will put shoes/boots on to leave school again.