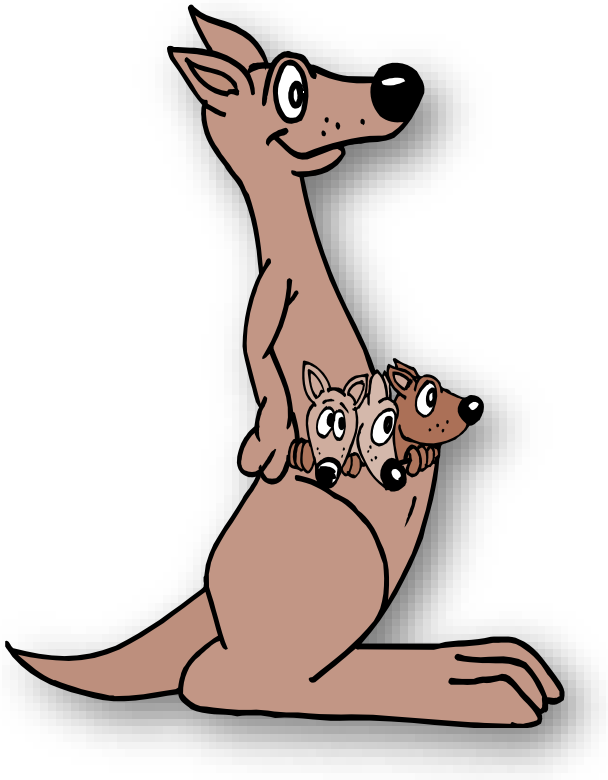
GLASTONBURY PARKS & RECREATION

KANGAROO KIDS

FAMILY HANDBOOK



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The Town of Glastonbury Kangaroo Kids preschool program is exempt from licensing by the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. (Per Connecticut General Statute 19a-77 we are required to disclose that our programs are not licensed by the State Office of early Childhood)

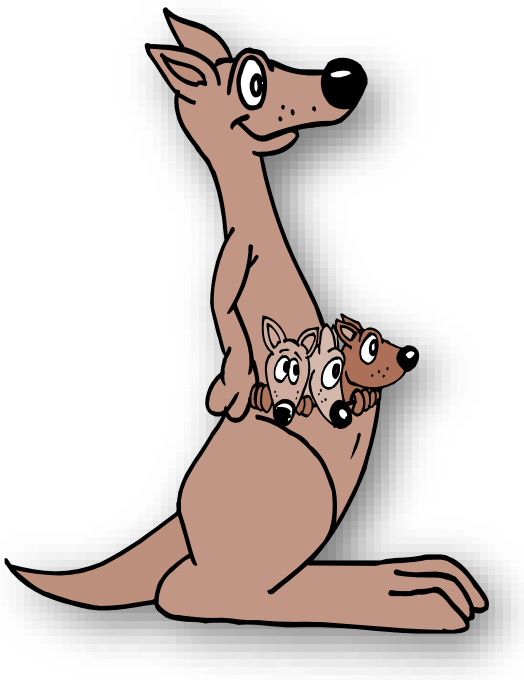
WELCOME TO KANGAROO KIDS!

Our Philosophy

Play is the single most powerful learning tool for children, and it is said that more learning and more types of learning take place in the first five years of life than at any other time!

We believe each child is unique, with his or her own timing of development and growth. We will work with you and your child to help develop the skills they need to feel confident in their developing abilities. Our focus is to help children establish a good self-image through individual attention and social interaction in group activities.

At Kangaroo Kids we:



Create a learning environment in which children can:

-Feel safe and supported
-Explore freely
-Discover
-Develop relationships with adults and peers
-Develop a sense of trust and belonging
-Take initiative by making choices
-Assert themselves in socially acceptable ways
-Feel competent through learning
-Be independent, curious, and creative
-Be themselves

Play in a community where children:

-Are respected for who they are
-Respect each other
-Respect their environment

Provide developmentally appropriate activities, which are:

-Age appropriate
-Individually appropriate
-Integrated
-Concrete, real, and relevant to the lives of young children

Program Goals/Curriculum

Our goals are accomplished through a theme-based approach. Your child will have opportunities for hands-on exploration in the following learning centers:

Creative Art	Music & Movement	Early Literacy
Manipulatives	Outdoor Play	Science
Dramatic Play	Blocks/Puzzles	Math
Sensory Play		

Personal and Social Development

- Exhibit curiosity, creativity, self-direction, and persistence in learning situations.
- Describe him/herself using several basic characteristics.
- Demonstrate awareness of one's own and other's feelings.
- Participate in and exhibit self-control in group situations.
- Interact appropriately with peers and familiar adults.
- Use age appropriate conflict-resolution strategies.
- Recognize similarities and appreciate differences in people.

Cognitive Development

- Express wonder, ask questions, and seek answers about their community and the world.
- Recognize and solve problems through active exploration, including trial and error, and interacting with peers and adults.
- Organize and express their understanding of common properties and attributes of things.
- Communicate their experiences, ideas, and feelings by speaking.
- Listen with understanding to directions, conversations, and stories.
- Exhibit an interest in reading.

Physical

- Engage in a wide variety of gross-motor activities.
- Use a variety of materials that promote hand-eye coordination and small muscle development.
- Demonstrate spatial awareness in both fine and gross-motor activities.
- Practice basic hygiene and self-help skills.

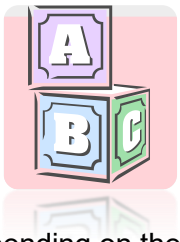
Creative Expression

- Create works that express experiences, ideas, and feelings.
- Represent fantasy and real-life experiences through pretend play.
- Engage in musical and creative movement.

Educational Program Plan and Daily Schedule

The daily classroom schedule supports our goals and provides a balance of activities from the following:

- Indoor/outdoor
- Quiet/active
- Individual/small group
- Child initiated/adult initiated
- Large muscle/small muscle



A typical day follows the schedule below. The schedule is fluid and flexible depending on the needs and interests of the class. Transitions between activities are guided by visual and auditory cues.

Arrival
Children may select activities set out on tables such as coloring, drawing, puzzles, books, and other fine motor activities.

Circle Time
Teachers bring the group together to introduce class helpers that will assist the teacher with greeting friends, calendar, music, introduction of the day's theme, and sharing time.

Centers
Children may choose from activities in learning centers such as creative art, blocks, puppets, role playing, sensory table, sand table, library, dramatic play, math, and science.

Art Time
During Center, small groups will visit the Art station. Theme related projects are created. Emphasis is on basic understanding of the day's theme, following directions, fine motor skills, and fostering creativity.

Outdoor Activity/Gross Motor
Children select from a variety of outdoor interest areas designed to foster gross motor skills, physical exercise, and an appreciation of nature.

Clean Up/Snack Time
Children help to clean up the toys, then take turns toileting and hand washing. Snack time offers a chance to converse with peers in a small group.

Group Meeting/End of Day
Music, game, recap of day, and a story.

Dismissal
Children prepare for dismissal using self-help and organizational skills by putting on outdoor gear and gathering backpacks and papers to go home.

Registration
Kangaroo Kids is for children ages 3 & 4 and non-kindergarten bound 5 year olds. The following sessions are offered:

Session	Ages	Meets	Time
AM	3 & 4	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9:00-11:30 a.m.
PM	4	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	12:30-3:00 p.m.

Age
Child must be age 3 or 4 by September 1st of the school year.

Toilet Training
Kangaroo Kids does not have diaper changing facilities and cannot accept a child who has not been potty trained. Accidents do happen so please send an extra set of labeled clothing (socks, underwear, pants, shirt) to be kept in your child's cubby should an accident occur. Soiled clothing will be sent home in a plastic bag should your child have an accident. Kangaroo Kids does not rinse or wash soiled clothes due to the risk of splashing and contamination of hands, sink, and bathroom surfaces. Bathrooms are open to the classroom at all times.

Repeated accidents may mean your child is not ready for preschool. If the child continues to have frequent accidents on a daily and/or regular basis a plan will be developed with the Preschool Director and the family.

Pull ups are not a substitute for toilet training. If you have concerns, please speak with Christina Garrity.

Required Forms
These forms are mandatory and must be completed and returned before a child may begin attending the program.

Early Childhood Health Assessment/ Annual Physical: A physical completed by a licensed physician, physician assistant or a certified nurse practitioner. The physical is valid one year from the actual date of the physical and is to be kept up to date thereafter. An allowance of 30 days past the physical expiration date will be given to provide Kangaroo Kids with an updated physical before mandatory exclusion. Kangaroo Kids staff will keep all health concerns confidential. Should your child require emergency care, the program will share this form with emergency responders. Only a State of Connecticut form will be accepted.

Child Information Form: This form contains important contact information for parents and additional contacts in case of an emergency. It is imperative that this form be complete and accurate. All areas must be completed. For the safety of your child, please notify the Preschool Director of any change in phone, address, or emergency contacts immediately.

Any change in address, phone numbers etc. must be given to the Director in writing.

Dismissal
A child may be dismissed from Kangaroo Kids if:

- All required forms are not on file
- Physical is not up to date
- Payments are missed
- His/her behavior is a risk to the safety and well-being of other children or staff
- Child is not toilet trained

Payment Information
A nonrefundable $50 registration fee and $200 deposit is required at the time of registration. **The deposit is non-refundable after June 1st.** Registrations are accepted online or by mail in early March, please check www.glastonburyct.gov/kangarookids for the exact date to be posted by February 1st of each year.

Balance of fees may be paid in two installments or you may setup a monthly payment plan. Information will be emailed out in June with options for payments.

Payment Methods
Acceptable payment methods are checks (payable to the Town of Glastonbury), money orders, credit/debit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover), or cash.

Your fee balance payments may be given to Kangaroo Kids staff at the program or made as follows:

On-Line: https://glastonburyct.myrec.com
Once logged onto your account click "Pay Balance" in the red bar

By Mail: Parks & Recreation
P.O. Box 6523
Glastonbury, CT 06033

In Person: Parks & Recreation
2143 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Late Payments
A child may be dismissed from the program if payments are missed. Children will not be allowed to return until the past due balances are paid in full.

Returned Checks
A $15 fee will be assessed for returned checks.

Refund Policy
Deposits are nonrefundable after June 1st. Payments are final once they are made and will not be refunded. If the program offered is changed significantly, the Parks & Recreation department will reevaluate and offer appropriate refunds.

Late Pickup
A late fee will be charged to Parent/Guardians picking their child up late. A 10 minute grace period will be given and then a fee of $15 will be charged for every 15 minutes late that a child is picked up. This fee may be paid in cash to the staff members waiting with your child or you may choose to be billed in MyRec. Children who have not been picked in a timely manner may need to be brought to the Parks & Recreation office and/or Glastonbury Police Department, every effort will be made to notify Parents/Guardians or Emergency Contacts.

Closings and Cancellations

If the Glastonbury Public Schools are canceled due to inclement weather, Kangaroo Kids is also canceled.

If the Glastonbury Public Schools are delayed due to inclement weather, Kangaroo Kids will meet as scheduled.

If school is dismissed early due to inclement weather, afternoon classes are canceled.

For information on closings, please check local tv channels and your SeeSaw account where announcements about inclement weather closing will be sent out. You will not be notified by phone or email.

Arrival & Departure Policy

Arrival and departure times are exciting for children. Please refrain from using your cell phone during drop-off and pick-up so that your full attention can be on your child.

Arrival
Staff will greet children and parents at the front door, sign them in for the day, and escort them into the building.

Departure
At the end of the session parents will go to the door to greet their children, they will be signed out by staff, and parents should escort children to their car.

Children will be released only to those authorized for pick up as stated on the Child Information Form. The parent/guardian must notify staff in writing if a person who is not listed on the Child Information Form will be picking up their child. In an emergency, the parent may give verbal authorization to the director or staff person in charge. A child will not be released to an unauthorized person without permission from the parent or guardian.

Regardless of whether or not the person has been authorized as a designated pick-up person, all adults must present a photo ID at the time of pick up.

If a child has not been picked-up within ten (10) minutes of the end of the class, a staff member will attempt to contact the parent/guardian at their home, cell, and work numbers. If they cannot be reached, the staff person will attempt to contact the Emergency Contacts listed on the Child Information Form. The Glastonbury Police will be called after 45 minutes if parents or additional contacts cannot be reached. At that time, the child may be released to the police. Two staff members will remain with the child at all times. We will attempt to leave a message with the Parent/Guardian that the child has been released to the police. A late pick up fee will be charged for pick-ups that are fifteen (15) minutes beyond the end of the class.

We ask that you follow safety rules when arriving and departing from the preschool facility.

- Use extreme caution when backing up your vehicle in the parking lot.
- Speed limit is 10 mph or less

Playground Expectations

Outside of school hours:
The playground is open to the public and may be used the same way as any other town park. Please remember that parents and guardians are responsible for supervising and monitoring their children when using the playground after school hours. As with other parks there is no trash receptable, please carry out any garbage.

During School Hours:

Students are expected to adhere to the following playground safety rules:

- Use equipment properly (ie: go up stairs and down slides, crawl through tunnels, and sit on seesaws)
- If someone is on the swings, no one else should enter the wood chip area.
- Wood chips stay on the ground.
- Do not touch/ pull on/ climb the gate, fences, or trees.
- Be respectful of friends and take turns.

Staff and Supervision

Our staff help make Kangaroo Kids a special place for your child. Their warm and nurturing ways let your child know that this is a place they can trust, be themselves, and have fun!

There are two to three staff in each class. Each is trained and certified in Pediatric First Aid & CPR, medication administration, and OSHA training.

Our group size does not exceed eighteen children and the average teacher to child ratio is 1:6, with the maximum teacher to child ratio being 1:9, well below the state mandated 1:12 ratio for children aged 3-5.

Children are supervised within the classroom and during outdoor play. At no time is the staff/child ratio above the maximum number allowed.

Children are well supervised at all times.

Parent Involvement

Parents are an important part of a child's life and love for learning. We are working on some fun and exciting ways to include parents in our program. Please be on the lookout for announcements about special days/activities as well as opportunities to volunteer in the classroom.

Keeping Informed

Regular communication with parents is important in supporting a child's education. There are many opportunities for parents to stay informed and share information with the staff.

- Daily contact at drop-off and pick-up is the best way to establish open lines of communication and rapport with your child's teachers.
- Read any and all notices through SeeSaw.
- Please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or the program director at any point in which you have a question, comment, or concern.
- Refer to the monthly calendar for special events, themes, etc.
- Refer to the monthly newsletter

Seesaw

Kangaroo Kids uses the Seesaw App to send pictures and communications to families. Instructions on downloading and how to use the app will be shared at the start of the school year.

Daily Communication

Creating strong connections between home and Kangaroo Kids is important to your child's success in our program. These strong connections are built on daily communication with the staff. During these

conversations, both you and the staff can share information about your child's day at Kangaroo Kids and home, as well as information on how your child is learning and developing in our program.

Parent Survey
A short parent survey will be sent out in the spring so that you can evaluate how well we are meeting your families' needs. You will be able to make comments, but if you have a problem or concern please do not wait until then to say something, let us know immediately.

Special Events
Over the course of the school year, we try to host numerous events/activities that parents are invited to. These typically include a Halloween Parade, Holiday Concert, Mystery Reader program, as well as an end of year graduation ceremony/concert.

Food and Drinks

Snack
Kangaroo Kids will provide snack for all students. A snack calendar will be sent out through SeeSaw each month.

If your child has a food allergy and would not be able to have the snacks listed below please touch base with the Preschool Director to work out an alternative plan.

Examples of Snacks:

Cheese	Goldfish Crackers
Yogurt	Pretzel's
Graham Crackers	Teddy Grahams
Apple sauce	Pirates Booty
Animal Crackers	

Allergies
For each child with special healthcare needs or food allergies, the child's health care provider must give the program an individualized health care plan that is prepared in consultation with family members and specialists involved in the child's care.

If there are food allergies in the classroom a sign will be posted notifying parents. All teachers will be aware of specific allergies and which children have them.

Children with food allergies should reach out to the Preschool Director to work out an alternative plan.

Birthday Snacks/Celebrations
If you would like to have your child celebrate their Birthday at Kangaroo Kids we will allow store bought special treats to be brought into the classroom. All special treats should be Nut Free. Birthday calendars are available to reserve a special day for your preschooler.

All special occasions will be listed on our snack calendar. If your child has an allergy you may send in an alternative for your child.

If you are planning a birthday party for your child you may hand out invitations to all classmates if you would like to. If you are planning a smaller party, please mail the invitations so other children who may not be invited will not feel left out by not receiving an invitation.

Health, Safety and Emergency Procedures

Attendance

If your child will not be attending the program for any reason, please call Kangaroo Kids at 860-657-8616 or send a message through SeeSaw, prior to the start of the class. You may leave a message on the voicemail, please state your child's name, class, and the reason why he/she will not be attending that day. We keep track of illnesses and absences.

Special Health Needs

Following State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Statutes and Regulations for Child Day Care Centers 19a-79-9a an individual plan of care is required **prior** to enrollment for any child with special health needs. Some examples of special health needs are allergies that require diet restriction or rescue medication, asthma, seizure disorder, chronic illness, mobility impairment, diabetes, sickle cell disease, developmental variations, or history of contagious disease. Families are encouraged to work with the health consultant to develop an individual Plan of Care. The Individual Plan of Care, along with any authorizations for medication, or special diet requirements, must ultimately be approved by a licensed health practitioner and parent. Similarly, all medications, medical authorization, equipment, and individual plan of care, are required to be replaced by the parent/guardian prior to expiration.

Communicable Diseases

For the health and safety of all our families, you must notify your teacher of all communicable diseases. Specific information will be kept confidential; however, we must notify all families of the possibility of exposure. We ask that your child not return to the program until your child is 24 hours without symptoms. Following the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for exclusion, Kangaroo Kids may request verification from a licensed health practitioner that your child is no longer contagious.

Medications

If your child requires emergency medication, such as an epi-pen, you must complete and submit an "Authorization for Administration of Medication" form. For other medications, such as antibiotics, consult your physician for modification regarding the time of administration if it coincides with class time.

Sick Policy

Please keep your child home if they aren't feeling well.

- If your child has a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea they must stay out of school until 24 hours after the last symptom ends.

When your child becomes ill, he/she will be made comfortable in a supervised area, separate from the group activities. We will contact you immediately for pick up. If we are unable to reach you, we will contact those individuals authorized on your Child Information/Emergency Consent form.

Accidents

Staff are certified in First Aid and Infant-Child CPR. Minor injuries will be cared for by the staff. If your child sustains an injury while at Kangaroo Kids, the supervising staff person will complete an Accident Report Form. The report will indicate the date and time of the accident, how it occurred, type of injury, and medical attention required. Parents will be informed by phone or at pickup depending on the severity of the injury.

Severe Medical Emergency

In case of a severe medical emergency, staff will call 911 indicating an emergency situation is occurring. Parents will be called immediately and informed of the situation. If necessary, emergency personnel will transport the child to the appropriate medical facility. The family is responsible for the cost of emergency transportation to the medical facility. It is important that you maintain your emergency information, including contact numbers on file at Kangaroo Kids.

Evacuations & Emergency Closing

In the event of an emergency, such as fire, the staff would relocate the children immediately to safety, either to the parking/playground area or in case of inclement weather shelter in the basement or in the Hebron Ave. school building next door. The Director would call 911, then Parks and Recreation for assistance in notifying the parents of the situation.

In the event of an emergency which would force us to close early (i.e. severe weather), we would contact parents to pick up their children immediately. If parents cannot be notified, then persons listed on the Child Information form would be contacted. At least two staff members would remain with the child until an authorized person arrives.

Fire Drills

Fire drills are practiced once per month. Your help in reinforcing with your child the importance of these drills and the fact that they are just practice is invaluable.

Handwashing

In order to prevent the illness of teachers and children, we engage in the following recommended childcare hygiene practices:

Children are taught and assisted with proper hand washing techniques.

- Turn on water and wet hands
- Add a small drop of liquid soap and vigorously rub hands together for 20 seconds
- Rinse hands and leave water running
- Dry hands with disposable towel and use another disposable towel to turn faucet off

Children and staff will wash their hands:

- When they arrive at the beginning of the day
- After toileting, after blowing or wiping a nose or handling bodily fluids
- After coughing on hand
- Before eating and serving snacks
- After playing outside

Other precautions

- Toys are washed and disinfected on a regular basis
- Tables are sprayed with a sanitizing solution before and after snacks are served.

Germ Control

The children will be working to become independent hand washers and to use tissues for their noses. We will be working with them to cover their coughs, sneezes, and then to wash their hands yet again. In order to keep our classroom healthy we need your help to prevent the spread of illness. If your child has a fever, bad cold, an upset stomach, or has been vomiting – please keep them home. Thick or colored mucus, a sore throat, a bad cough, or diarrhea are other reasons to keep your child home. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while at Kangaroo Kids we may call you to come and get them. Illness travels quickly through the preschool population.

Mandated Reporters
State law mandates a report be filed with the Department of Children and Families if abuse or neglect is suspected (not necessarily proven).

Complaint Procedure
If you are experiencing a problem, please speak with the program staff first. If this does not help, please discuss the problem with the Town of Glastonbury Recreation Supervisor 860-652-7697.

In most cases, the situation can be resolved by speaking with the Staff and Preschool Director immediately.

Clothing
When dressing your child for Kangaroo Kids, please consider our activities and follow these simple guidelines:

Dress your child in clothes that he/she can manage independently
Keep in mind that he/she will need to use the toilet on his/her own. Elastic waistbands are easier for children to use than overalls or clothing with buttons, zippers, and belts. Mittens are easier than gloves for outdoor play.

Dress your child in "play clothes" and save special outfits for special occasions
Choose clothing that is comfortable and durable. Preschool is a time to explore and get messy. Although smocks are used to protect clothing, children may get messy when painting, gluing, cooking, or playing outside. We don't want the children to worry about getting messy.

Dress your child for safe and comfortable outdoor play
Choose clothing appropriate for the weather. Children play outside when weather and ground conditions permit. A notice will be sent out if we plan on going outside for snow play in which layers, as well as hats, mittens, warm jackets, snow pants, and boots will be required. Sunscreen should be applied at home on sunny days prior to coming to Kangaroo Kids.

Footwear
Please choose well-fitting shoes such as sneakers with Velcro enclosures. Fancy shoes, open toed shoes and high heels are not appropriate for preschool activities.

Avoid clothing that can catch on playground equipment, such as hoods with drawstrings or jewelry that dangles.

Please provide a change of clothing. Accidents do happen – things get spilled and preoccupied children don't always make it to the restroom in time. For this reason, please bring an extra set of clothing including underwear, pants, shirt, and socks that will stay at school.

Photography Policy

The Glastonbury Parks and Recreation Department ("GPR") reserves the right to photograph and record participants and attendees of any classes, programs and other events held or sponsored by GPR ("Events"), regardless of whether such event is held on property owned by the Town of Glastonbury. Photographs, audiotapes, and videotapes of participants and attendees of the Events (collectively, "Recordings") may be taken by GPR and may be published by GPR or a news outlet, in any format, including but not limited to, print and digital publications, media communications, and social media ("Publication"). Under no circumstances shall participants or attendees receive any financial compensation related to the Publication of a Recording. All Recordings shall be the sole property of the Town.

Attendance at GPR Events constitutes consent to be photographed and recorded and for such Recordings to be used in any Publication.

If a participant or attendee of an Event does not want to have a Recording taken of him/her or of his/her dependent child and used in a Publication, he/she must complete and submit a "Photograph/Video Opt-Out Form" for each Event. All Opt-Out Forms must be submitted to GPR at least 5 business days in advance of the Event. Please note, an Opt-Out Form must be properly completed and submitted for each Event.

Behavior Management/Discipline Policy

At Kangaroo Kids, our approach to discipline is to help the child learn self-control within their environment. Discipline is viewed as a learning process. The process is carried out by:

- Providing a learning environment where there is consistency and a daily routine of activity.

- Creating clear and developmentally appropriate rules and limits where expectations of the children are stated clearly and positively. Redirection is used to refocus a child's attention to avoid unnecessary confrontations.

We understand that young children are constantly striving for independence and an understanding of their environment. Therefore, we will provide a safe and consistent environment that will enable children to gain self-confidence, self-control, and an understanding of his/her feelings. We believe guidance and discipline are part of a lifelong continuous growth process and that we can foster each child's development in making appropriate choices for today and for their future. Our guidance and discipline goals are carried out by:

Teachers who serve as role models for appropriate behavior
Our staff consistently set examples and model ways for children to express their feelings and problem-solve by using effective and timely communication skills.

Creating an environment that is comfortable and safe for all children
Our program offers a variety of age-appropriate toys and activities, which allow children the opportunity to experiment with their world and socialize with their peers.

Stating clear and concise rules
Children are better able to express themselves and successfully work within their environments when they are aware of what is expected and the limits that have been set forth.

Acknowledging and respecting each child's feelings
Teachers help children to better express and understand their feelings, which enable them to recognize their feelings and express them in a positive manner.

Using redirection to refocus the child's attention towards a more positive outcome
Redirection helps to avoid unnecessary confrontations while guiding children in making appropriate choices.

A positive approach is essential in reinforcing the child's success. Appropriate behavior will be praised, encouraged, and used as a model for other children to follow.

Appropriate discipline includes setting clear limits, reasonable expectations, redirection, and logical consequences. Punishments such as humiliation, disrespecting, striking, shaming, use of bribes, false threats, or withdrawal of food will never be used by any staff member. In the event this approach is not followed by a staff person, the appropriate administrative disciplinary action will be taken.

Challenging Behaviors

At Kangaroo Kids, children are encouraged to verbalize their feelings, frustrations, and anger in a constructive manner and to resolve problems and work out solutions with minimal staff interaction. Our goal is to help the child learn from his/her experience, separate the action from the child, and to always treat the child with respect.

Kangaroo Kids defines unacceptable behavior as:

- A child who continuously interrupts the flow and continuity of the program and requires constant one-on-one attention.
- A child inflicting physical or emotional harm on other children or staff.
- A child who is consistently unable to follow the rules and expectations of the program.

If a child engages in challenging behaviors:

- The teacher will acknowledge the child's feelings. This will help the child feel more open to hearing what the teacher is saying.

- The teacher will clearly say what behavior is unacceptable and provide redirection and alternate activities to help the child refocus on acceptable behavior.

- If the child continues the inappropriate behavior, a final choice will be offered, which may include a break in the back room to help them calm down and redirect in a positive direction. The child will be observed at all times and returned to the group as soon as they are ready.

- Parents will be informed of challenging behaviors and asked to help correct the situation by offering suggestions, support, and involvement.

If the above steps have been followed and the child's inappropriate behavior continues, the child may be dismissed from the program. However, if a situation occurs that severely jeopardizes the health, safety, and well-being of the children and staff in the program, the Director reserves the right to dismiss a child immediately, without advance warning or notice.

Children causing immediate harm to themselves or others will be removed from the situation and parents called immediately.

Initial Few Days
During the first exciting days of Kangaroo Kids, we will be setting a routine with your children so they will feel comfortable and know what to expect. It is important that they arrive on time. Your cooperation is appreciated

Preparing for the First Day
About a week before Kangaroo Kids starts, casually remind your child about the upcoming event, mentioning your teachers' names. As the day approaches, if you feel that your child is getting anxious about coming, calmly assure them that they will have fun and they will be safe. We have articles on separation. If you feel this will be a problem let us know so that we can work with you and your child to make an easy adjustment. Children can feel a parent's apprehension. If you have concerns, please let us know. The teachers know how to get your child through it – trust them.

Parking
Parking is available in the back of our building. Please use great caution when driving in the parking lot.

Scholastic Book Orders
We will be offering you the chance to purchase books from Scholastic Reading Club. This program is a great way to buy wonderful books at very reasonable prices. Of course the program is optional and you may buy books as often or as seldom as you wish. With every purchase you make, we are able to get new books for our library at Kangaroo Kids.

Class List
We would like to provide you with a class list of names, addresses, and phone numbers. Participation is optional and we will need your permission to include your information on the list. Please look for the sign-up sheet during the first week of class. If you opt not to be included, you will not receive a copy of the list.

The list is for personal use only. **You may not solicit any business** using the names, addresses, or phone numbers on the list.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted at Kangaroo Kids preschool or on the outside grounds.

Toys from Home
Please help us keep all your toys at home. Toys from home are only allowed on Show and Tell days.

On occasion we find that during playtime a small toy from our classroom may end up in a child's backpack or pocket, mixed up with toys your child may have brought from home. For this reason we ask that your child not bring any toys from home unless it is for Show and Tell.

If you do find a toy that may be ours, please return it the next time you come to class.

Lunch Bunch
Children in the PM class ONLY are invited to come to school early (11:45 AM) on two days a week to have lunch with their friends before the official start of the afternoon class. Register separately for the Fall and/or Winter/Spring sessions, additional fee applies. Registration will begin at the beginning of the school year.

FAMILY HANDBOOK – SIGNATURE PAGE

Thank you for taking the time to read this Family Handbook.

Please sign this form, which signifies you have received and read our handbook. If you have any questions or comments about the handbook contents, please share these with the director. We look forward to a happy, healthy, and positive experience with you and your child.

Click Here to Sign Digitally or Print and Mail in With Paperwork

Please initial the following after reading the policies contained in this parent handbook

_____ I agree that as a parent/guardian of child registered in Kangaroo Kids there are policies and procedures which are applicable to parents and attending child(ren). I have read the parent handbook and agree to comply with its rules. I understand that should I have questions related to policies and procedures, I have the opportunity to discuss those with the Director.

A signed copy of this page must be on file to before your child may start of the program.

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date_____