**Primary Bathroom Accident Policies**

A “potty-trained” child is defined as: a child who can independently use the bathroom, who is in underwear, does not need assistance while going to the restroom, and has no bathroom accidents.

Independent in the bathroom means: the child can pull his/her pants down, use the toilet, wipe, themselves, pull up his/her pants, flush the toilet, and wash his/her hands.

While the children are transitioning to the classroom for a period of 30 days, it is possible that a child may have 1 to 2 urine accidents per week. After the transition time (30 days), if your child continues to have accidents, we will ask you to keep your child at home for a minimum of one week or until they are fully potty-trained. After your child returns, if he/she continues having accidents, a meeting with the lead teacher and parents will be called to discuss if our environment is meeting your child’s needs, possible medical conditions or family matters, and how to proceed. Please note that during this meeting, the parents may be asked to reduce the child’s schedule, or withdraw the child from the program.

If your child has bowel movement accidents, we do not consider him/her to be potty-trained. If he or she does have a bowel movement accident, we will do the best we can to clean him/her up and we will notify you that this happened. You may be called to help clean your child up or take him/her home if the cleanup is beyond our capability. If your child has a second bowel movement accident, he or she is not considered fully potty-trained. You will be called and asked to pick up your child. We will ask you to keep your child at home for a minimum of one week or until he or she is fully potty-trained. After your child returns, if he/she continues having accidents, a meeting with the lead teacher and parents will be called to discuss if our environment is meeting the child’s needs, possible medical conditions or family matters, and how to proceed. Please note that during this meeting, the parents may be asked to reduce the child’s schedule, or withdraw the child from the program. As per Department of Health Services policies, we are not licensed as a diaper changing classroom and all that entails (bleach water, baby wipes, and facility for properly cleaning/changing them). In addition, having one staff person in the bathroom for an extended period of time puts our class out of ratio and puts the bathroom out of use while it is cleaned and sanitized.

These measures are taken in the best interest of each child. School readiness, stress, and social situations can sometimes only be evaluated after a child has spent time in the classroom. Villa Montessori will provide the parents with support, basic advice, and encouragement.