



Children's Museum  
little EXPLORERS

## Policies, Procedures and Other information Fall 2009

- In consideration to all paid participants, additional infants or siblings will not be allowed to attend the program with an enrolled child. No exceptions.
- Make-up days are NOT provided.
- Due to high demand for *Little Explorers* sessions, each sale will be considered final. There will be no refunds. No exceptions.
- Registrations are not transferable from one child to another.
- "Scribbles & Dribbles" classes are 45 minutes long. "Science Buddies" classes are 55 minutes. Please be on time. We begin promptly, not later than 5 minutes after class starting time.
- MNS is happy to accommodate children with special needs, but in order for us to be able to help your child have an enjoyable experience, we ask that you notify the *Little Explorers* Coordinator of your child's needs prior to the first day of the program at 972.201.0607.
- Dress yourself and your child accordingly. Children of this age learn about their world while exploring with their five senses. We can get very messy. Smocks are provided for the children, but paint always manages to get on children's clothing and adults clothing as well. We always have a plan on how to use the materials but your baby, toddler, or preschooler may choose to use the materials in a different way, and that is an important part of the discovery process. All materials provided are safe and non toxic.
- Please be aware, this class is designed for adults and their children to explore new materials/activities while "bonding and playing" creatively together. Daily activity centers are briefly introduced by instructor, following with each adult assisting and working with their child as needed. If one adult is attending with two or more enrolled children, it will take a little more effort to work one on

one with each of them. Adults with one baby and one toddler may choose to bring along a stroller to place the baby in while working with the toddler, then alternate. Each session will end with a daily song, finger play, or story.

- Visit each center or activity at you or your child's pace. She/he may want to do one activity for the whole session or all activities or at first none at all. Toddlers usually guide their adults on what activity they like to do best. Adults with babies will participate by placing babies on their laps to explore the desired centers as you talk about the different textures, colors and smells. Adults with preschoolers can let the child choose which centers to do.
- We suggest you bring a bag each day to take home messy treasures created by your child. There may be ongoing projects that will be left and taken home the last day of the session.
- Early creative exploration provides a special way for toddlers/babies/preschoolers to learn about their world and appreciate the beauty around us. Always value what they have created, take it with you, and be sure to post it where they can see it!
- I agree to release the Museum of Nature & Science from any form of liability as I have enrolled myself and my child/children in the *Little Explorers* programs. I hold harmless MNS staff, agents, cooperating landowners and will not hold them liable for any loss, including but not limited to injury and death.
- I hereby attest that all information provided on the registration form is correct and agree to the terms of enrollment in *Little Explorers* as stated in these policies, procedures and other information.

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Printed parent/guardian name

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Parent/guardian signature

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Date

*Children and parents may be photographed by MNS staff or its representatives, and such photographs may be used for promotional purposes by the Museum of Nature & Science. Please initial one of the options below:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *My child and I MAY be photographed for promotional purposes by MNS*

\_\_\_\_\_ *My child and I MAY NOT be photographed for promotional purposes by MNS*