

## **OUTDOOR PLAY AND WEATHER POLICY**

It is the policy of **Playschool Child Care, Inc.** that all children who are well enough to be in attendance are well enough to participate in outdoor activities. Daily outdoor activities are planned for all children when weather permits. We will plan outdoor activities from **0** degrees Fahrenheit including the wind chill and above. Children will not be taken outdoors in severe and threatening weather.

*MN Department of Human Services Licensing* requires a daily amount of outdoor time for all children with the exception of infants. If children are dressed appropriately, weather conditions should not pose an illness threat. **Playschool** believes that the tasks of dressing and undressing are vital skills all children should be able to master. While children are in attendance at **Playschool**, it is expected that they participate in all aspects of the activities planned with reasonable comfort and this will include outdoor play. During the winter months, time outside could be for up to 45 minutes at a time.

**Note: Children cannot be excused from the outdoor portion of Playschool's program.**

Parents can help make the outdoor experience satisfying for their child and are expected to provide the following:

- Warm coat, hat, mittens, snow pants, shoes and boots.
- An **extra** pair of mittens, socks, pants, and shirt should be kept in their back pack to be used in case of wet or soiled clothing.
- **LABEL** all your children's clothing with a permanent marker.
- Please help your children know **daily** where their belongings are at drop off.
- All clothing, personal belongings **MUST** go home each day with your child.

