[YOUR DAYCARE]

# WHAT TO PACK FOR DAYCARE

*What to bring on the first day, what to bring every day, what stays here, and what stays home*

Child: _____ Room: _____ Start date: _____

Label everything with: _____ Cubby or hook: _____

## ON THE FIRST DAY

- ☐ The start paperwork we gave you at the tour, filled in
- ☐ Two full changes of clothes, labeled, in a zip bag — including socks
- ☐ A family photo for the cubby or the wall
- ☐ The comfort item: the blanket, the lovey, the pacifier — labeled, and one we can keep here
- ☐ Diaper cream or ointment in its original tube, labeled, if your child uses one

## EVERY DAY — INFANTS AND TODDLERS

- ☐ Bottles for the day, labeled with the name and the date, prepared or with formula measured out
- ☐ Breast milk labeled with the name, the date and the time it was expressed
- ☐ Diapers for the day plus extras, or a pack to keep here
- ☐ Wipes — a pack to keep here
- ☐ Baby food, cereal or snacks if you send them, labeled
- ☐ The sippy cup or the water bottle, labeled

## EVERY DAY — PRESCHOOLERS

- ☐ Lunch and snacks in a labeled bag, if you send them — with an ice pack for anything cold
- ☐ A water bottle, labeled and filled
- ☐ A backpack big enough for the daily report, the art and the wet clothes
- ☐ Underwear and a change of clothes in the backpack while potty training

## NAPS

- ☐ A crib sheet or a nap mat cover, labeled — sent home to wash on Fridays
- ☐ A small blanket, labeled
- ☐ The nap-time comfort item, if there is one

## WEATHER

- ☐ A coat, a hat and mittens in winter — we go outside most days

- ☐ Rain boots and a rain jacket, labeled, left here in the wet months
- ☐ A sun hat and a swimsuit, towel and water shoes on water-play days
- ☐ Sturdy shoes that stay on — no flip-flops, no slip-on crocs

## STAYS HOME

- ☐ Toys from home, except the comfort item
- ☐ Jewelry, hair beads and anything small enough to swallow
- ☐ Food with nuts, and anything on the room's allergy list on the door
- ☐ Anything you'd mind losing

## OUR NOTES FOR YOUR FAMILY

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Medicine, sunscreen and bug spray need their own paperwork from us before we can use them — ask us for it, and don't put them in the bag.

Label everything: a name on the tag, the bottle, the cup, the shoes and the blanket. Twenty families, twenty blue water bottles. A daycare hands this list out at the tour and puts the same list on its website.

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