

Life's a Pilgrimage SUUSI 2008

Dear 0, 1, and 2 year olds,

Welcome to the SUUSI Nursery! We can't wait to see you again, or welcome you for the very first time! We will continue the SUUSI tradition of providing one care-giver for each baby under 2 years old. This means that every time you come to the nursery, there will be someone to be just with you. You could be with lots of different people during the week, but each one will take special care of you. Your grownup will walk around with you, play with you, help you go to sleep, feed you, and take you to the baby pool, if you are big enough. They will also write down everything you do so your parent(s) will know what you're up to all day. All you 2-year-olds will have your own play area and lots of fun projects and games. You can also join the 3 and 4-year-olds for art, music, and tie dye (bring something 100% cotton and white on Wednesday) if you want to.



There are a few things you need to bring to the SUUSI nursery every day.

- 1) A bag with all the supplies you will need, including; plenty of diapers, any special ointments, and at least one change of clothes.
- 2) A towel and something like to wear in the little pool (swim diapers).
- 3) Sunscreen for those long walks, and a **STROLLER**, if possible.
- 4) Anything you need to nap happily; your blanky or teddy, you know! The necessities.
- 5) Any special food or bottles. We will have sippy cups, water, diluted apple juice, milk, soy milk, nutritious fruits, crackers, cheese, bread, yogurt, meat (if requested) and other healthy goodies.

PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LABEL EVERYTHING!!!!

Parents,

There will be an Open House for the whole Youth Program, after ingathering on Sunday from about 8:30-9 p.m. Please come and meet your 2008 Nursery Staff during that time or plan to stay a for a bit before you leave your children in our care on Monday (we will be in the Nursery by 8:15 to chat with you and show you around). Please mail the enclosed information sheets to the Nursery Leader, Sarah Edelson (8116 Ainsworth Ave, Springfield, VA 22152). If you are unable to mail the information sheet ahead of time, bring it to the Youth Registration table during Check-In. These forms are **VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!!**

In past years, we have found we can provide the best care for your child by having them remain in the nursery during lunch. We especially recommend two-year-olds stay with us. This allows us to keep children on their own schedules, helping to make everyone a "happy camper".

As in the past, we will have food for snacks and lunch in the nursery. We are usually able to accommodate most eaters and their allergies. You only need to provide special foods that would be a challenge for us to find. We hope that this lightens your load as you travel to SUUSI.

Please let us know **IMMEDIATELY** if you do not plan to have your child in the nursery, so that we can adjust staffing.

We can't wait to see you!

Sarah Edelson and the Nursery Staff
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Tell Us About Your Child
0 - 2's

Child's Name: _____

We, the 0-2's staff, wish to care for your child to the very best of our ability. Since they are not able to communicate fully, we would like your input. Please help us by filling out the form below and mail it to Sarah Edelson, the Nursery Leader by July 10, (8116 Ainsworth Ave, Springfield, VA 22152). If you are unable to mail it ahead of time, please bring the form with you to the Youth Registration table during Check-In. There is space provided for your answers; however, feel free to add additional information on another sheet of paper if necessary - just staple it to the back. There will be plenty of opportunities to communicate with your child's age group staff at SUUSI as well, but this will give us a head start in getting to know your child.

******If you know that you will NOT be placing your child in the SUUSI Nursery for childcare, please contact me (Dianna 804-798-2416 youth@suusi.org) as soon as possible. I schedule one to one care for infants and one to two care for older toddlers.**

Does your child have any nicknames that they respond to? _____

What will your child's exact age be at the time of SUUSI? _____

Does your child have any allergies (food or environmental)? _____

Is your child vegetarian or vegan? _____

Are there any foods that your child CANNOT have? (or that you do not want your child to have) _____

Does your child have any favorite foods? _____

How about a favorite song? _____

Favorite story? _____

Is there anything that your child is particularly afraid of? _____

Is there any activity that is especially enjoyed by your child? _____

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Does your child have a favorite toy? Will the toy be at SUUSI? _____

Does your child have any special diaper or potty needs? _____

Does your child have any special sleeping needs (blanket, stuffed animals, stories, singing, etc.)? _____

Siblings: Give names and ages _____

Are there any other people or pets who live at home with you and your child (other than those listed above)? _____

Are there any difficulties in your child's life right now? (new babies, family issues, behaviors you are concerned about, separation anxiety, etc.)

Is there anything else that you wish to share with us about your child? Please use as much room as you need.
