## **Outdoor Play Policy**

We include outdoor play as part of our daily schedule and see it as a vital component to your child's day. Therefore, if your child is not able to participate in outdoor play for whatever reason, we ask that you keep them at home for those days.

Children must have proper attire for outdoor play to include comfortable closed-toe shoes (no crocs or sandals) and outerwear including sun hats, if needed. During winter, your child will need sturdy shoes/boots, hats, gloves and other appropriate cold-weather gear. IF there is snow on the ground, you may bring a snowsuit for your child.

Please make sure that your child has sunscreen and mosquito repellent with a current Ointment Permission form on file – forms can be found at the Front Desk.

We take all children ages 2 and up outside twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Young toddlers have a scheduled playtime once every morning. <u>Playground visits are at the discretion of the Director and may be modified during extreme temperatures/weather.</u>

Our playground policy for inclement weather is as follows:

## summer:

- Twice a day.
- For Code Red/Code Orange days, only once in the morning between the hours 9:00 11:00am.

## Winter:

- Twice a day for reduced periods of time.
- Children will remain inside during active Snow showers
- Depending on how many children have appropriate outerwear (snowsuits), we will take as many children out to play in the snow as possible.

## Rain:

• Children will remain inside if there are active rain showers.