

April 30, 2009  
Shoe Policy

Dear Parents,

In the past we have had several instances of children wearing unsafe shoes at school, causing them to be injured or preventing them from participating in certain activities. The main problem problems we have had are children wearing shoes that are preventing them from participating safely in large muscle and outdoor activities. The shoes in question are those with high heels, no backs, and flip flop type shoes. The teachers plan activities which include running, jumping, hiking, and tricycle riding. We have had numerous incidents with children falling, slipping, and tripping. Teachers have also had to change daily lessons to avoid activities that may cause an accident because of the shoes worn. Our policy is to only allow the following types of shoes effective immediately:

- **Rubber soled shoes that have closed toes and closed heels.**  
**(Tennis Shoes and Walking Shoes)**  
**(Absolutely No Shoes with Wheels)**
  
- **Any other closed toed shoes that are designed for hiking, walking and running.**
  
- **The only open toed shoes we will allow are sport or athletic sandals. These have rubber soles and are designed not to fall off of the child's foot.**

We regret that we have to enforce this policy so strictly, but we must keep our children safe. If you have any questions about this policy or about the shoes your child is wearing, please contact Melanie.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Because safety is such an important matter, please sign and return the attached sheet as soon as possible.

ICC Child Center Staff

Detach and return

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**I understand the shoe safety policy and understand what types of shoes that ICC child center allows to be worn by children.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of parent)

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