



## Welcome to The Gardner School of Chicago – West Loop

We want your child's first day at The Gardner School to be wonderful! Below is a list of items to bring on your first day.

- Bring in all remaining paperwork along with a copy of their birth certificate.
- 2 - 3 Family photos to be displayed in the classroom. With difficult transitions, it sometimes helps for children to have a comforting family photo.
- A change of weather-appropriate clothing for your child, including socks, underwear and shoes. Bring sunscreen for warmer seasons.
- If your child is in our Imagination, Enchantment or Acceleration classes (ages 3+), they are required to wear a TGS uniform Monday through Thursday with Friday as a "free dress" day. (Extra clothing is not required to be a uniform.)
- Uniforms may be purchased at this link: <https://www.thegardnerschooluniforms.com/>
- If applicable, diapers, wipes and any diaper creams (permission forms at front desk).
- All medications to be administered during school hours must have doctor's permission. Forms are available at the front desk. Medication is never to enter the classroom.
- Sheets, blankets, and cots are provided for your child during naptime. If there is a small soft item that will help your child feel more comfortable during nap time, you may bring it on their first day. Cubby space is limited so we do ask that children do not bring toys with them. There will occasionally be special "Show and Tell" times to bring toys from home.
- Having a designated routine will always help your child feel more secure when at school, so you may want to establish a consistent time schedule or designated route.
- Linger in the classroom during drop off can sometimes have a negative effect. We have monitors available in the lobby for you to view your child's drop-off transition, as well as phones in every classroom so that you can speak to the teachers directly.
- Remember that we are a nut-sensitive environment! To keep our children with allergies safe, no outside food may be brought into the school without approval from the director.

If your child has an allergy or special diet requirements, please speak with the front office regarding school policy and procedure.

Please feel free to call and check on your child at any time throughout the day. We would love to have you touch base with your child's classroom teacher to see how their day is going.