



DEARBORN HEIGHTS MONTESSORI CENTER

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS

Dear Parents,

As you buy new clothes and shoes for your child's return to school, some of you are probably also considering winter jackets, boots, and snowsuits. In anticipation of an easier winter for parents, children, and teachers, we offer these suggestions for clothing that will encourage your child's independence in dressing.

- **Boots large enough for the child to easily pull on and off over school shoes, or shoe boots the child can easily slip stocking feet into without help.** The boots that have a zipper and buckle or drawstring ties are very frustrating for children and time-consuming for parents and teachers. Children who wear shoe boots should bring ballet slippers, bedroom slippers, or any comfortable footwear with non-skid soles to wear during class.
- **Jackets and snowsuits with large, easy-to-manage zippers, buttons, or other fasteners.** Have your child try to fasten the outfit while wearing it in the store. Some coats need a little practice, but some are difficult to manage throughout the life of the garment.
- **Mittens will not get lost if fastened to a cord run through the sleeves of the jacket.**
- **Long sleeves or an additional sweater** are a good idea from November through March, as the classrooms are sometimes cool.
- **Elastic waistbands** in slacks are easier to manage than belts or snaps, especially when nature's call is urgent.
- **Labels are important.** Each item of outdoor clothing and boots should have your child's name clearly written on it, as there are often duplicates among classmates.

Happy shopping! See you soon!

Your Montessori Toddler and Preschool Staff