

PEANUT/TREE NUT POLICY

The ECEC strives to be a **Peanut/Tree Nut FREE** environment. Because it takes only the slightest smell, touch, or ingestion of peanuts, peanut butter, peanut oil, a product that "may contain trace amounts of peanuts" or a product that has been "processed in a plant that also manufactures peanut products" to cause a potential anaphylactic reaction, we implement the following policy to protect our students who have life threatening peanut or tree nut allergies.

- 1. Foods that contain peanuts/tree nuts cannot be brought into the center. This includes family provided breakfast items in our full day, year round program.
- 2. While the children are here at school, we **do not** serve birthday treats such as cupcakes or cake.

Because we understand the importance of celebrating milestones such as birthdays with school friends, you may bring in *birthday treat bags* (please keep allergens in mind when choosing the contents) that will then be sent home with each child. Treat bags can also be done for your child's last day. Treat bags do not have to contain food items, but if they do, please be cautious about what food items you place in the treat bags. Other options include small bottles of bubbles, stickers, crayons, little note pads, party favors, etc.

We truly appreciate your cooperation in supporting Saint Ambrose ECEC as an inclusive and safe environment for all children. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office or talk to your child's teachers.