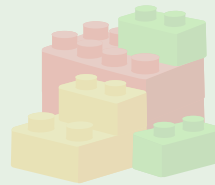




Miniature World In Home Daycare Parent Resource Guide



A helpful introduction to your child's care, routines, and development at Miniature World.

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This guide was created to help you feel confident, informed, and supported as you settle into care with us.



Getting Started at Miniature World

A quick overview of what to bring, where things go, and how daily routines work



What to Bring

- 2 full changes of clothing (including socks)
- Diapers and wipes (if needed)
- Formula or breast milk (clearly labeled)
- Infant food or bottles, if applicable
- Distilled water for formula prep

Do not bring: backpacks, diaper bags, or water bottles



Where to Put Belongings

- Clothing → child's labeled cubby
- Diapers, wipes, bottles → supply area
- Extra items → hand directly to staff

Sheets and straw cups are provided and cleaned in-house.




Drop-Off, Pick-Up & Communication

What you need to know about daily transitions and staying connected

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Guidelines


- Please arrive on time for your scheduled drop-off
- If you're more than 10 minutes late, you may be asked to wait for the next drop-off window—or your child may not be able to attend that day
- No early drop-offs (even 5 minutes early) unless approved by staff
- Pick-up is not allowed during quiet hours (12:00–2:00 p.m.)

 Only authorized individuals may enter the daycare area

 All other visitors must remain on the porch or in the car

Daily Communication

- We use Brightwheel to log meals, naps, diapers, and more
- You'll receive real-time updates, photos, and important messages
- Billing is also handled through Brightwheel

 Need help setting up Brightwheel? Just let us know—we're happy to help!



♥ What to Expect the First Week

Starting daycare is a big step—here's how we support your child (and you!) during the transition.

😞 It's Normal to Feel...

- A little nervous (that goes for grownups too!)
- Tired or fussy as routines shift
- Emotional at drop-off—even if they've been excited

We've seen it all, and we're here to guide your child through it with care and consistency.

🧸 How We Help Children Adjust

- A warm, calm greeting each day
- Gentle redirection, extra comfort, and familiar routines
- One-on-one support during tough moments
- Respecting each child's unique pace and personality

🏠 How You Can Support at Home

- Keep goodbye routines short and sweet
- Stick to a consistent wake-up and bedtime
- Label everything! It helps us stay organized
- Talk positively about daycare—even when it's hard



Sample Daily Routine

A consistent schedule helps children feel safe, confident, and secure.



Our Day at Miniature World In Home Daycare

7:30 a.m. – Arrivals Begin

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Diaper Checks / Changes

10:15 a.m. – Circle Time

10:30 a.m. – Outdoor Play

11:15 a.m. – Diaper Checks / Changes

11:30 a.m. – Lunch

12:00–2:00 p.m. – Quiet Hours / Nap Time

2:00 p.m. – Diaper Checks / Changes

2:30 p.m. – Afternoon Snack

3:00 p.m. – Art & Creative Activities

4:00 p.m. – Diaper Checks / Changes

4:15 p.m. – Outdoor Play

5:15 p.m. – Final Diaper Checks / Pick-Up Prep

5:30 p.m. – Closing Time



Diapers are changed every 2–3 hours or as needed.



Hands are washed before and after meals, after outdoor play, and after diapering.



Lunch & Snack Overview

We follow USDA guidelines while keeping things kid-friendly and fun.



What We Serve

- A variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and proteins
- Fresh meals inspired by weekly themes
- Rotating options like rice bowls, pasta, sandwiches, and finger foods
- Kid-tested, provider-approved—balanced and satisfying!



Drinks

- Milk is served with breakfast and lunch
- Water is offered throughout the day and with snacks



Allergies & Dietary Needs

- All allergies and food restrictions must be documented in writing
- We will offer substitutions when possible, or ask that families provide approved alternatives



Outside Food

✗ Outside food is not permitted (except for pre-arranged field trips)



✓ We provide everything your child needs while in care



Menus are posted weekly and follow USDA meal pattern requirements.



Let us know if you'd like a copy of our food program guidelines!