Welcome to the Toddler Cooperative of Baltimore County!

We're thrilled to have you and your little one join us for a fantastic year filled with joy and discovery. Our co-op program is designed to offer wonderful experiences and opportunities for both you and your child. Here's what we're excited to achieve together:

- A Cozy and Safe Space: We aim to create a warm, welcoming environment where both you and your child can feel completely at home.
- Fun and Engaging Activities: Dive into themed activities and enjoy quality time together, making learning an adventure.
- **New Friendships:** Build lasting connections with other families and watch your child make new friends.
- **Supportive Observations:** See your child interact, learn, and grow while benefiting from the co-op experience.
- Building Confidence: Help your child develop a positive selfimage and a love for learning in a school-like setting.

Why Our Co-op Program Rocks!

- 1. **Quality Time Together:** Share precious learning moments and social experiences with your child.
- 2. **Pre-Readiness Skills:** Be close by to support your child's readiness skills and encourage their growth.
- 3. **Safety First:** We prioritize your child's safety in the classroom and playground.
- 4. Lead by Example: Be an active participant, join in on circle time, and model positive behavior.
- Focused Learning: Help your child stay engaged in teacher-led activities and save chats for playtime and snack breaks.
- Community Support: Connect with other parents and teachers for advice and ideas on any child-related questions or concerns.
- 7. **Stay Present:** Use your phone only for emergencies to enjoy uninterrupted, quality time with your child.

Classroom Guidelines

To keep our classroom running smoothly: **Tidy Up:** Please return toys and supplies to their places. If you're unsure, just ask! **Dress for Play:** Have your child wear play clothes that can handle a bit of mess. **Duty Parent Role:** Fulfill your duty parent

responsibilities. If you can't make it, arrange a substitute and notify the class coordinator.

Circle Time Fun

To make circle time a blast:

- Join the Fun: Sit with your child and participate in all the activities.
- **Sing and Move:** Get involved—sing, dance, and enjoy the moment.
- Stay Focused: Keep toys away and help your child stay focused. If they need a break, a quick trip to the hall can do wonders.

Celebrating Birthdays

Want to celebrate your child's birthday? Let us know ahead of time so we can adjust the snack schedule and make the day special for your little one!

Share Important Information

To help us support your child best, please share any important information with us. For example:

- Allergies or Special Dietary Needs: Let us know if your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions.
- **Medical Conditions: I**nform us about any medical conditions that might affect your child's participation.
- **Recent Changes:** Share any recent changes at home that might impact your child's behavior or mood.
- **Personal Preferences:** Tell us about your child's likes, dislikes, or any comfort items they may need.

Thank you for being a part of our co-op family. We're excited to make this year an amazing experience for everyone!