

# **Infant Food Policy & Procedure**

## **Policy**

We serve infants cereal, supplemental crackers and jar/baby food per parent/guardian indication and as developmentally appropriate. All food provided from home will be labeled with the infant's first name, last name, date and contents (if not indicated on packaging label).

## **Procedure**

**Cereal Feeding** - prepare following directions on container.

### **Puffs/Infant Crackers**

### **Jar/Baby Food**

- Commercially packaged baby food must be served from a bowl/dish, not directly from a factory-sealed container, unless the entire container will be served.
- If an infant is only consuming part of a container of food the remaining contents of the opened container is only good for 24 hours. If an infant does not attend the next day, the container must be thrown out.
- Homemade baby food may be provided and served directly from the container if the entire container will be served in one feeding.

### **Introducing the Child Care Center's Menu**

- When an Infant is starting to pick up foods and self-feed, the Lead Teacher may let parents/guardians know their child may be ready to try the school menu. Team members must communicate with parents/guardians about their infant's progress regarding the new menu items.