



Extraordinary Education for the price of Ordinary Child Care

## **Pet Care Policies**

### **Turtle Care**

- Feed daily, about 5 turtle sticks or 1 tsp. pellets
- Lights are on a timer
- Add water once a week
  - Add 1 tsp of stress coat to tank
  - Use milk jug under tank to add water (fill about 5 times)
  
- Heater and filter stay on all the time (temp should be around 76-78 degrees)
  - Change filter cartridge once a month
    - Wash out sponge
    - Change carbon filter

### **Class Fish Care:**

1. Feed the fish once every day.
2. Change the tank filter once a month.
3. Clean the water as needed; clean tank completely at least once per month.
4. On long weekends and vacations, a teacher will stop by to feed the fish as needed.
5. In case of an emergency, the fish tank stays inside the building and if/when it is safe, a teacher will rescue the fish.

## **Hamster Care:**

1. Fill food bowl once a day.
2. Make sure water is fresh daily.
3. Clean bedding as needed; fresh bedding must be put in once a month.
4. Children are not to put fingers in the cage.
5. Giving an occasional apple or carrot is ok.
6. The hamster is active at night but will also run in exercise wheel or ball.
7. When in the ball, children are not to kick or touch the ball as it is moving around the room.
8. Only teachers are to open the cage.
9. Use a quiet voice when around the hamster so it is not startled.
10. On long weekends and vacations a teacher will take the hamster home.
11. We will try to reuse/recycle our paper towels and paper towel rolls as bedding for the cage.
12. In case of an emergency, a teacher will take the hamster cage outside during an evacuation.