

## **TLW FOOD ALLERGY POLICY**

Over our 25 years experience, we have had many occasions where we have had to accomodate to children's needs in this area. We are a "tree nut and nut free" zone, and we encourage every parent whose child has allergies to communicate the child's specific needs to our Director, Donna Gamans, and their child's teacher(s) *in person*. We ask our parents to document the children's needs at the beginning of the school year, as well as any emergency-related procedures and/or medications, so that we are prepared and able to ensure each child's safety to the best of our ability. With the information the parents provide, our teachers are then able to provide the necessary precautions for the well-being of the students in their class.

While we endeavor to do our utmost to ensure each child's safety, we ask that *each* parent be vigilant in their overseeing their child's needs. This is especially important for those who have children with *food-related allergies*. We now require that these parents check the day's snack at drop off to ensure snack safety. If the parent deems the day's snack to be safe, then they must sign a permission sheet indicating their child may partake of that day's snack. However, there are times when parental permission is missing and/or we are unsure of the safety of the snack; this is why we ask parents of children with food allergies to bring in a "safe" snack each day for their child. In this way we endeavor to accommodate for the many needs of our students, and help to protect them to the best of our ability.