

Nick's Meadow Guidelines

by St. Thomas Early Learning Center

The following guidelines ensure the safety of all St. Thomas Church and Early Learning Center children and families and apply to ALL children whenever they are in Nick's Meadow. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Access to Nick's Meadow is available during school hours only.

Before allowing children into Nick's Meadow:

- Do a quick check to make sure the area is safe.
- Fill the Rock Tub with about 3 to 4" of water.

While you are monitoring children in Nick's Meadow:

- Please allow only 4 children per adult present.
- Fishing buckets and nets, sketch pads and pencils, chalk and chalk boards can be found in the shed.
- Remind children to walk over the bridge. (Positive language for no jumping across the stream.)
- Flowers are for eyes only.
- Rocks and pebbles can be tossed into the Rock Tub but not the pond. It damages the liner.
- If a child gets wet (and it happens), coordinate a dry change of clothes with their classroom teacher.

As a Meadow Monitor, please remember:

- No cell phone use or texting while responsible for children.
- Do not leave the children in the meadow for any reason. If you need to leave, tell the children it is time to close the meadow.
- If you feel a child is not being safe, you may ask them to leave.
- It is always helpful to skim leaves out of the water or pull weeds while in Nick's Meadow. The children love to help with that as well.
- Please empty the Rock Tub and lock the gate when you leave.