



MONROE CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**INFANT FOOD AGREEMENT**

Parents who have children in our infant program are asked to provide all formula or breast milk and food until your child is ready to enjoy our meal program. To get your baby off to a good start and make the transition easier, we ask that you give the first feeding at home. A spare container of ready to feed formula should be kept at the center.

In accordance with licensing rule 400.5205, the following criteria must be adhered to:

- All food and plastic bottles must be labeled with the child's name and dated on a daily basis
- Bottles must be premade at home by the parent. Items not properly labeled cannot be dispensed
- Only unopened jars of food may be brought into the center
- All partially used formula and food will be disposed of daily
- Each bottle and nipple supplied by the parent shall be used for a single feeding only and then returned to the parent

MCES is committed to providing ongoing support to breastfeeding mothers. Well-defined research has documented a multitude of health benefits to both the mother and infant. The following policies regarding breast milk must be adhered to:

- Breast milk must arrive in clean, sanitary, ready-to-feed assembled bottles labeled with the child's full name and bearing the date of collection
- Be immediately stored in the refrigerator or freezer immediately upon arrival and kept refrigerated until used or discarded
- Be thawed under cold running water or in the refrigerator and shall be used within 24 hours
- Be discarded at the end of a feeding

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Child's Name

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Date