

We're Here To Help

If you have any concerns or questions about our biting policy, feel free to ask questions. We are here to support your child's development in every way possible.



Early Learning Centers

BITING POLICY



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As your child enters the toddler and preschool years, they are beginning to explore new ways of communicating and interacting with the world around them. During this stage, it is not uncommon for children to occasionally bite. Whether your child is the one doing the biting or the one being bitten, it can be an upsetting experience. Please know that biting is a typical behavior for children at this age, and it is something many children grow out of as they develop better communication skills.

We encourage you not to feel distressed or upset if your child gets bitten. Our staff is here to support both the children and parents through this phase, and we will work together to address any concerns in a thoughtful and caring way.

Why Do Children Bite?

Biting is common in toddlers and preschoolers, often as a way to express frustration, explore cause and effect, or seek attention. We take a proactive approach to understanding the reasons behind the behavior, ensuring that each child receives the support they need.

Our Approach

- 1. Immediate Response** — When a biting incident occurs, staff will immediately comfort the child who was bitten and ensure they are okay. The child who bit will also be calmly redirected and given the opportunity to express their feelings in a safe way.
- 2. Investigation** — We will observe the context of the biting behavior — whether it's out of frustration, curiosity, or other reasons.
- 3. Behavioral Support** — We focus on teaching children alternative ways to express themselves. Our teachers will work with your child, talk about their emotions and help them find other ways to communicate.
- 4. Parent Communication** — Parents will be informed if their child is involved in a biting incident. We value open communication and will work together to find strategies for preventing future occurrences.
- 5. Consistency** — We maintain consistent and clear responses to biting incidents, reinforcing positive behavior. All staff members are trained in addressing biting with a calm, consistent, and nurturing approach.

When Will We Involve Parents Further?

If biting persists, we will schedule a meeting with parents to discuss strategies for intervention and support. We may also suggest additional resources, such as child behavior specialists, if needed.



How Can Parents Help?

Parents can help by reinforcing the same positive behaviors at home. Encouraging verbal communication, empathy for others, and clear boundaries are important steps.

Our Commitment to a Safe Environment

Your child's safety and emotional growth are our top priorities. We work hard to create a nurturing, respectful environment for all children. By collaborating with parents and providing guidance for behavioral development, we ensure that each child can thrive.

