

Our Steps...

Redirection and alone time at Happy Campers

When biting occurs, our plan will be to calmly redirect the child to a different space or purpose while keeping them safe and calm.

We do this by...

1. Keeping a low even tone quiet voice
2. Making eye contact
3. Calm repetition of instructions/directions
4. Reassure the child that we love and support them while talking to them about how their actions hurt another
5. Give the child an option to find another center that they can be more productive



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“The fact that a toddler has feelings that are being expressed in biting isn’t the fault of the parent, or of the toddler. Biting is like a runny nose: it’s common. It’s not fun for the child or the parents, and it can affect other children adversely, but it’s not a sign that anyone is “bad.”

- Patty Wipfler



Biting Oh My!

If you are the parent of an older infant or toddler, we know it is distressing to learn that your child has been bitten or has bitten a friend. Experts in the field of child development agree that biting is within a range of expected behaviors among toddlers 13 months to 3 years of age. Common reasons cited for biting are need for autonomy and control, explorations, teething, attention getting, frustration (frequently due to lack of language or unmet needs), anxiety, mimicking, self-defense, and lack of experience interacting with children in a group. At the first sign of biting, we evaluate the environment and activities at the time of the bite. If warranted, adjustments in the environment, routines, or the transitions in the classroom may be made. If a bite occurs, the teacher will first tend to the bitten child by comforting the child and gently cleaning the bitten area with soap and water. Staff will complete an incident report for the bitten child. The child who has bitten will be removed from the immediate area and closely supervised for a period of time after the incident. We will complete an incident report for the child who has bitten and discuss the incident with the child’s parents.

It is important to remember that biting is a developmentally appropriate behavior.



Happy Campers Biting Policy

- We will log any biting issues on the biter and the bitten
- Incident reports or biting reports for both families will be given
- Three bites or attempted bites in one day will result in the biter being sent home for the day (two and older)

For children who continue to bite, more specific intervention will be initiated, including a plan set forth by the staff, in hopes that the biting will cease. Disenrollment of a child for biting rarely happens but is a possibility if the biting persists over a long period of time. Due to confidentiality, staff cannot discuss with either parent the identity of the other child involved in the incident.



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