



Family Christian Academy Preschool

"Building Foundations for Faith and Learning"

BEHAVIORAL POLICY

Biting:

Biting is a natural behavior for very young children, especially children in group child care. Many children within this age group do not yet have the social awareness to control this behavior when it is directed against others. Although biting is a reality, our response is to be sensitive to the reason a child is biting and do all we can to prevent this behavior.

Some of the ways in which teachers can minimize this behavior include:

1. Letting the biting child know in words that biting is unacceptable.
2. Help the child work on resolving conflict or frustration in a more appropriate manner.
3. Examine the context in which the bite occurred and look for patterns.
4. Consider changes to the room environment that may minimize congestion, commotion, competition for toys and materials, or child frustration.

Should a bite occur, immediate attention will be provided. The bite will be washed, ice will be applied to the area, and the incident will be documented via the Incident Report. Should the bite break the skin and/or require medical attention, a parent will be notified via phone of the injury.

1st Offense

The incident will be documented via the "Incident Report" for the child that was bitten. The incident will be documented via the "Bite Report" for the child that was biting.

2nd Offense (By the same child, on the same day)

Child will be dismissed the same day of the incident and the parent will be provided with the Bite Report. If the bite breaks the skin, the child will also be suspended from school the following school day.

NOTE: Bite policy and procedures begin anew each day.



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BEHAVIORAL POLICY (Cont.)

Spitting/Bodily Harm:

1st Offense- Behavioral report will be submitted to parent or legal guardian.

2nd Offense- Parents will be contacted and the child will be suspended for the remainder of the day.

3rd Offense- Child will be dismissed from the preschool with no refund.

Language:

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Inappropriate Touching:

All inappropriate touching that is observed and noticed by the preschool personnel must be immediately reported to the preschool director. Preschool personnel must try to prevent any inappropriate behavior as much as possible by keeping all children under close supervision at all times.

1st Offense- Behavioral report will be submitted to parent or legal guardian. Parents must attend a conference with the director of the preschool. The child will be suspended from the preschool for the remainder of the day.

2nd Offense- Child will be dismissed from the preschool with no refund.

Child's Name

Parent Signature

****This policy is in compliance with State regulations****

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