



**Biting Policy Addendum
Effective 9/25/18**

When Biting Does Occur:

Our staff strongly disapproves of biting. The staff's job is to keep the children safe and help a child that bites learn different, more appropriate behavior. We do not use techniques to alarm, hurt, or frighten children such as biting back or washing a child's mouth out with soap.

For the child that was bitten:

1. First aid is given to the bite. It is cleaned with soap and water. If the skin is broken, the bite is covered with a bandage.
2. Parents are notified.
3. The Bite Report is filled out documenting the incident.

For the child that bit First Occurrence:

1. The teacher will firmly tell the child "NO! DO NOT BITE!"
2. The child will be redirected to another activity.
3. The parents are notified.
4. The Bite Report is filled out documenting the incident.

When Biting Continues Second Occurrence:

1. The child will be shadowed to help prevent any biting incidents.
2. The child will be observed by the classroom staff to determine what is causing the child to bite (teething, communication, frustration, etc.) The Director may also observe the child if the classroom staff is unable to determine the cause.
3. The child will be given positive attention and approval for positive behavior.

When biting becomes excessive Third Occurrence:

1. If a child inflicts **1 bite** in a one-week period (5 weekdays) to either another child or the staff member, a conference will be held with both parents to discuss the child's behavior and how the behavior may be modified.
2. If the child again inflicts **1 bite** in a one-week period (5 weekdays) to either another child or the staff member, **following the conference** the child will be suspended for **2 business days**.
3. If a child inflicts **1 bite** after the **2-day suspension** to either another child or the staff member, the parents will be asked to make other day care arrangements.