

BITING POLICY

(keep for your records)

Biting is one of the most difficult habits to break, according to the National Network for Childcare. Biting happens for different reasons, with different children, and under different circumstances. At the Early Learning Center Child, we strive to help the children develop a sense of well-being and provide them with a safe environment. To maintain that safe environment, the Center has developed the following policies regarding biting:

- If the child has bitten once during the time he/she is at the Center, parents will be called and notified that their child has bitten.
- If the child bites twice on the same day, parents will be called to remove their child from the premises immediately "within one hour." Your child will be suspended for one day if not picked up within the hour. The parent will receive an incident report and a copy of the incident report will be kept in the office. At no time will the child's name be disclosed to other parents.
- If a child bites three times in one week, a documentation log will begin immediately.
- If a child bites six times or more in one month, a conference between a parent, teacher, and director will be held to evaluate behavior and make a behavior plan.
- If the child does not show significant improvement within a two month time span, at the director's and teacher's discretion, the director has the right to and will advise the parents to look for other child care.