

## **Biting**

Biting, unfortunately, is one way children express themselves. We will endeavor to remedy the situation causing it and help the child to understand the seriousness of it, to the point of stopping the habit.

These are the steps we take to stop biting.

When a child bites, we will:

- \* Place our finger over their mouth and tell them they must not bite their friends in a firm voice. Reinforce using our words to communicate.
- \* Put the child in a “time-out” one minute per age of child.
- \* Try to resolve the situation that caused the biting.
- \* Make a note of behavior to track repeated offenses.
- \* A second offense within the same week will result in the above approach and removal of child from the group for a short time. The child may be sent home or asked not to return the next day at the discretion of the Director.
- \* Communicate with parents to help us reinforce at home that biting is not ok, and that we need to use our words.

If biting still persists after all of the above, we will, out of concern for our other children, put the child on two weeks probation. During this time we will work with you to break the biting habit. Should a child’s behavior continue in an uncontrolled manner, suspension might be the only alternative. If there is no improvement by the end of the probation period, we will ask that the child be withdrawn. Complete records of these actions will be placed in the child’s file.