



Winter Haven Montessori

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Biting Policy

Biting is unfortunately not unexpected for very young children. Some children communicate through this behavior as they cannot express themselves properly. However, biting can be harmful to other children and staff.

At Winter Haven Montessori we clean the bite with soap and water, put ice on the area for a short time and give tender loving care. Both the biter and the child who received the bite have an incident report.

A staff member removes the biter from play, reminds the biter to use words and to bite food instead and tells the biter that biting hurts our friends. At that time the child is given the time to utilize the "Peace Table" to work through their emotions. The school rule is consistently reinforced, "You may not bite your friends!"

At Winter Haven Montessori it is our philosophy as reviewed with our coalition specialist to work with both families; The family of the biter and the recipient of the bite. If a child does multiple bites in one day the child will have to be picked up by the parent and we will conference with that parent.

I have read and understand the above policy.

Signature Parent _____ Date _____