

-NEWS AT THE HAVEN-

CHILDREN WHO BITE

Although biting is very common in small children, it causes us adults great concern. Biting is obviously painful and frightening to the victim. It can also cause great stress for the parents of the offender who may feel equally helpless. Biting is normal behavior for infants, toddlers, and even older toddlers. When a very young child bites, it's typically because they are used to putting things in their mouth. A firm "No biting hurts.", disapproving look with redirection (a teething ring) will help resolve this type of behavior. Biting out of frustration is also very common in toddlers even older ones. In this case, children bite because they have become overwhelmed with a play mate or situation as it is their form of communication as they don't have the language skills yet to communicate their needs. Again, a firm demand to stop and then removing the offending child from the situation until they are able to calm down is the best course of action. Give the victim lots of attention and reassurance. Just remember that if your child bites to respond firmly but calmly. Consistency will be key to let your child know that you disapprove. Teaching children appropriate ways to express their frustration, stress, or needs is part of parenting. The good news is that this behavior will eventually stop.



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-REMINDERS-

- Please bring your hats, mittens, gloves and snow boots.
- Please keep your child(ren)
 home if he/she are not feeling
 well or experiencing any FLU
 symptoms.

YOU

-Events-

February is Black History Month
02/04: A walk around the outside of
your school building
02/07: Cat's Kids Yoga (Preschool)
must have a signed waiver to attend
02/11: A walk around the
neighborhood to look at different
buildings

02/14: Valentine's Day Celebrations 02/14: Wonder Weavers Storytellers (Preschool)

02/19: Benner Dental (Preschool)
02/03-3/14: We are welcoming
someone into the classroom who
works in the construction field.
Please let us know if you are
interested in coming in
02/28: Ask families to bring in large,
empty boxes for children to use to
construct buildings