



Grace Lutheran School

Biting Policy

Even though biting is a perfectly normal stage of development during childhood, it is required by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services that Grace Lutheran School maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children in their care.

Biting occurs for many reasons whether it is teething, a lack of language, frustration, attention getting, being overly tired or simply environment stress.

Grace Lutheran School's policy on biting is as follows:

- If your child bites 3 times (as long as the skin on the other person is not broken) within a week's period, then your child will be sent home for the remainder of that day and the following day.
- If at any time the skin is broken due to a bite, then the child will be asked to go home immediately for the remainder of the day and the following day.
- If biting is unable to be managed or curtailed and your child has been sent home three (3) times then it may become necessary to terminate childcare arrangements. Undue stress on the other children and the classroom environment may be caused by serve biting. This is not something Grace Lutheran School likes to do and please know that this would be the last resort.

Some things that Grace Lutheran does to minimize biting in the childcare setting are:

1. Provide lots of language such as "biting hurts" and "we use our teeth for food."
2. Provide frozen teething rings for those who need something to chew on
3. Provide opportunities for children to learn simple sign language to communicate their needs.
4. Provide supportive information to parents who are worried about their child biting and offer suggestions of how to stop the biting habit.
5. Provide teacher training during in-service to keep teachers informed on how to prevent biting.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director Signature: _____ Date: _____