

VASHON MAURY COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

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Important Guidelines for a Safe and Positive Preschool Classroom Experience

Please review before working in the classroom

- Positive attention to appropriate behavior
- Ignore inappropriate behavior
- Stop and redirect dangerous behavior

All the time:

1. Please stay at the children's level during discovery time, or when communicating with children.
2. Playing with children, along with observation, is encouraged.
3. Coffee or other hot beverages can be kept in the kitchen.
4. Look around, if your area is slow and another parent needs help, you are welcome to help that parent, and then return to your area when appropriate.
5. Please ask for help if you feel overwhelmed in your area.
6. If you need to leave your area, ask another parent to cover for you.
7. Children need to walk at all times while inside the classroom (they can run outside).
8. We encourage inside voices during discovery time.
9. Tell children what they can do!

At the Climber:

1. Children need to be barefoot or have on shoes in the climbing area. Socks are slippery and dangerous.
2. Children need to have both hands free to climb. You are welcome to hold a toy for them while they climb.
3. Be watchful when children wear dress-up clothes on the climber. Especially look for necklaces that can get caught, or slippery gloves and shoes.
4. Feet first down the slide. Stomachs and backs are ok, as long as feet go first.
5. One child down the slide at a time (and watch at the bottom to make sure one child has moved out of the way before the next one goes down).

In the Blocks Area:

1. The blocks can only be built as tall as the shoulder of the shortest child in that area.

At Circle Time:

1. Please join children at all circle times (unless you are snack parent or assistant).

During Outside Play:

1. Watch the outside climber carefully, and stay close to the children.
2. Children need to be reminded to keep sand and sand toys low at all times.

Bathroom Etiquette:

1. We wash hands before entering the school, before snack, and after bathroom time. Have children wash hands while singing "Twinkle Little Star" to encourage thorough washing.
2. Many children have bathroom buddies (another parent who can help the child). If you are unsure of who that might be, ask the teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to the teacher or the Parent Instructor.