



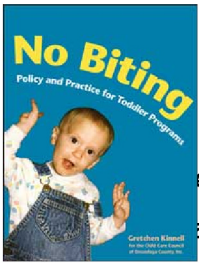
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# Pamm's House

Newsletter

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You may have wondered what, if anything, I am doing about the **Toddler Biting Issue**. I do understand this issue is frustrating for everyone and, at times, I may seem "matter-of-fact" about the whole thing. I want you to know that I do care about the children and I want to help the children learn that biting is not a good choice.



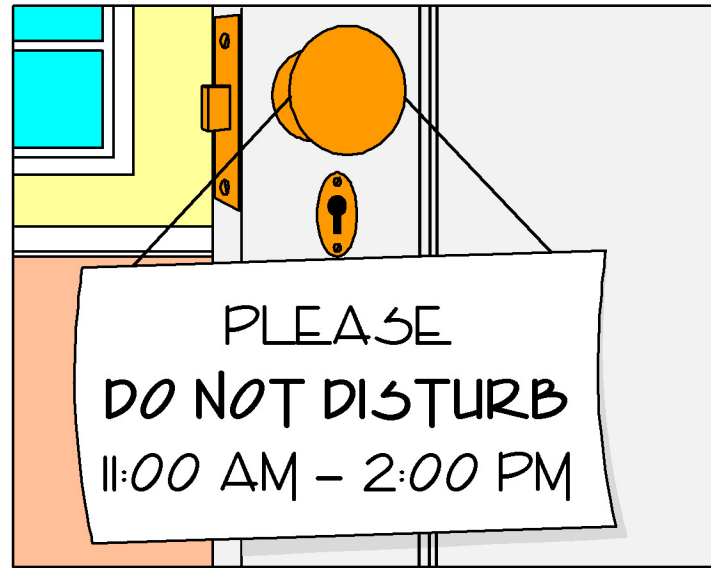
I own a wonderful book called No Biting: Policy and Practice for Toddler Programs by Gretchen Elmell. The book is a result of a

study on biting in toddler programs who found that toddler biting is more common than most people think. I am following the standardized procedures as prescribed. Here are some of those procedures (I'm actually doing much more):

- ◆ Provide duplicates of popular toys.
- ◆ Rotate toys, avoiding overstimulating.
- ◆ Provide soft areas: blankets, pillows, etc.
- ◆ Materials are at child-level to avoid frustration.
- ◆ Daily schedule is consistent and simplified.
- ◆ Provide sensory materials (different textures).
- ◆ Provide cause and effect toys and small collections for toddlers to carry around.
- ◆ Offer short nursery rhymes throughout the day.
- ◆ Give the children words to go with their feelings and model what empathy looks like.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them with me. Thank you,

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According to my Open Door Policy parents are welcome to drop-in anytime at Pamm's House, however, I ask that drop offs, pick ups, and visits not be made during our daily Quiet Time from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is very disruptive for the resting children.

I do understand sometimes there is a doctor's appointment and whatnot, but please still avoid the 11:00 am to 2:00 pm time frame. Remember that visitors (even parents) usually cause the children to react in an excited manner that does not normally occur when there are no visitors present. Thank you.



He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

Matthew 6:33 NLT