# **Safety Policies & Procedures**

Safety is always our top priority at Washington Park Early Learning Center. Please help keep our community safe and our school clean. We appreciate your help reinforcing these rules before, during, and after school. Thank you!

### **Safety Rules**

- Sign your child in and out each day.
- Apply sunscreen to your child before school begins.
- Parents and volunteers may not be alone with children.
- Park in the school/church parking lot. Avoid parking on South Williams.

## **Playground Rules**

- Keep all gates closed.
- Please do not climb the trees.
- Please do not climb on top of the train.
- Digging is only allowed in the sandbox.
- Keep all pets away from the playground.
- Clean up after you are finished playing.

### **Sibling Policy**

Your time at school is intended to be a special day for you and your child. Please make other arrangements for older and younger siblings during your helping parent days. Our facility is licensed by the State to provide an early childhood education only for children who are enrolled as students. This license is only for children between the ages of 2.5 to 7 years and for only 30 students in total on any given day. We have no flexibility with this rule governed by the State. Noncompliance could jeopardize our school's existence, so we have to always be unwavering and defer to this law.

## **Sick Child Policy**

- Each situation is different, and you know your child best. Please use your best judgment in deciding whether to take your child to school.
- Please keep your child home from school if he/she has had a fever in the previous 24 hours. A fever should be gone for 24 hours before you bring your child back to school.
- Please keep your child home from school if your child requires medication in order to feel good enough to go to school.

#### **Universal Precautions**

To help prevent the spread of diseases caused by body secretions, the following universal precautions are recommended when volunteering in the classroom:

- Wear disposable plastic or rubber gloves when in contact with body secretions including blood, stool, urine, and vomit. Dispose of gloves after each use.
- Cover open wounds until a scab has formed if the child will have any contact with other children.
- Wash your hands after contact with children. Use disposable paper towels. Children should wash their hands after the use of the bathroom or if they have blood or other body substances on their hands.
- Use single-use disposable tissues for runny noses, etc., and dispose of them immediately. Never share tissues.
- Wash toys that have come into contact with body fluids or stool.

#### Please note:

Classroom volunteers are not authorized to take students, other than their own children, to the bathroom. If a child needs to use the bathroom, a WPELC teacher will assist them.