



Guardian Angel Daycare

Child Development Center

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Mission Statement

Welcome to the Guardian Angel Daycare! Our center's mission is to provide a safe haven for our children in a child-friendly, Christian environment. The center provides a developmentally appropriate program for all children and keeps and encourages open communication with parents. We serve the community of the Skaggs Catholic Center.

Philosophy

The philosophy of the Guardian Angel Daycare is one that is based on the individual and developmental needs of the children. The Christian environment will have an emphasis on the whole child: emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual. Jesus is included in our day by having daily prayer and biblical based activities. We believe that every child is deserving of the very best opportunities to develop and grow in an enriching Christian setting.

Staff Requirements

Before being considered for a position at Guardian Angel Daycare and the Diocese of Salt Lake, all candidates are required to pass a Federal background check which includes fingerprinting, complete Safe Environment training, have appropriate immunizations, Flu vaccination, be CPR, and First Aid certified, as well as having completed the State Food Handling course. All staff members possess differing levels of training, education, and administrative skills. Each year employees are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education in early childhood education.

Center Hours

Year-round, our center opens at 7:00 A.M. and closes promptly at 6:00 P.M. If a teacher is here early, it is to set up and get ready for the day. Please respect this time. Also, note that a **\$5.00 per minute fee will be charged if a child is picked up after 6:00 P.M.**; make checks payable to *Guardian Angel Daycare*.

Selection Criteria and Waiting List

It is our policy that a waiting list application is turned in along with a \$25.00 processing fee in order for a child to be considered for placement in our center. Applications received without the processing fee will not be acknowledged. We do not follow a “first come first served” policy with the waiting list; we must follow the same procedure as the other schools on our campus. Therefore, the following is how we determine who would be accepted first:

1. Children of Faculty and Staff of the Skaggs Catholic Center
2. Siblings of students in one of the three campus schools
3. St. John the Baptist parish members
4. Catholics from other parishes
5. Non-Catholics.

We do not consider who knows who or any promised donations. We need to be fair.

Admission Requirements

Provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate and current immunization records to the director prior to admission. Immunizations must be completed on schedule for the child to remain in attendance. *(Please see page 5 for a list of recommended immunizations)*
In the case of a divorce, a certified copy of the divorce decree, stating who has custody and when should be provided to the director.

Holding Policy

Because of the long waiting list, there is a policy for holding spaces that open in our center. When a spot opens up in our infant and toddler rooms, we will notify the parents. If you do not wish to start your child at that time but want to hold the spot for additional time (a month, two months, etc.) we require an amount of 100% of the monthly tuition for that room to guarantee your space.

Change in Schedule and Termination Policy

A 30 day written notice must be submitted to the office manager, Vanessa Morales, when daycare services are no longer needed or a schedule change is requested. If 30-day notice is not given, you will be assessed fees from the time notice was given to 30 days out. You may email this notice to vanessamorales@skaggsatholiccenter.org.

Arrival and Departure

The adult dropping off and picking up your child(ren) is required to enter the center and sign your child(ren) in and out. Children will be released from the center only to the parent or other specified adults in the child’s file. Please let us know as soon as possible if someone other than the parent/guardian will be picking up your child(ren). Anyone besides the parent/guardian that picks up will need a photo ID.
If for any reason a specific parent is not allowed to pick up his/her child, we will need a copy of the court record in the child’s file.

Change of Information

It is imperative that the front desk receptionist is notified promptly of any changes of address, telephone number, place of employment or any other pertinent information. We need our records to be as complete as possible.

Discipline

The discipline policy at the center is one where we teach and model to children how to behave in a Christian manner. Children need guidance, rules, and limits. Being consistent, giving choices, redirecting and setting limits will be some ways of guiding behavior. Break time or thinking time will be used in extreme cases and limited to however long it takes for the child to regain their self-control - this is not a punishment and is a time for the child to step away from the situation that is causing them to be tormented. Our goal is to teach the children to have self-discipline. All classes have a soft, quiet area that the child can use for this break. Other options for the child may be to visit another class or to sit in the front office with a book or activity, as one of our front office staff speaks with child (no more than 20 mins) until they are ready to rejoin their group. Some behaviors may be to the extreme that a child will be asked to be pulled out or be expelled. This determination will be a case-by-case basis.

Guns

Please refrain from allowing your child to bring play or real guns or weapons to our center. You will be called and they will be confiscated immediately. Upon request, play guns will be returned to parents. Real guns or weapons will be turned over to the Draper City Police. Guardian Angel Daycare does not take responsibility for weapons of any kind brought to our center.

Rest Time Policy

All children love to play. It is for the benefit of the child that he/she takes time to relax their body each day. Every room has a specific rest time (the Infant Room is the exception). Please check with the classroom daily schedule as to what your child's time would be. If your child is not a "napper", he/she will need to rest his/her body for at least 30 minutes. After which they will go to the open area (Infant and Toddlers) or a designated area in their classroom for the remainder of rest time.

Day Care Rules

1. Respect toys
2. Respect adults and friends
3. Respect our building
4. **Do as Jesus would do**

Dress Code

All children who do not attend St. John the Baptist should be dressed in comfortable play clothes. Please avoid clothes that need to be kept clean or it is difficult for your child to pull up and down on their own; please keep dress-up clothes (costumes) at home. Rubber-soled shoes are recommended as safest for climbing and vigorous play for outside time. Also, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather (i.e. waterproof gloves, hats, socks, coats, boots, snowsuits, etc.) as we do

venture outside to play each day. PreK-4 and older children must remain in their uniforms while in the daycare unless it is a no school day. Guardian Angel Daycare is not responsible for lost or stolen clothing items. During the summer program, we would request that your child wear shoes/sandals that cover their toes as well as are firmly attached to their feet (strap on sandals) - please **NO FLIP-FLOPS**.

Sick Policy

The staff understands that it is difficult for working parents when their child is sick. However, it is extremely important that the health and well being of **all** the children and staff be taken into consideration. If your child exhibits behavior changes, has a temperature 100.0 degrees or higher, and/or does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in the daily activities, he/she will need to be picked up from daycare. If your child had diarrhea, we will call you after the first one to let you know that if they have a second one, he/she will need to be picked up. For a child that vomits, he/she will need to be picked up immediately. Children should be picked up as soon as possible; no later than one hour from the time the parent was notified of the child's illness.

If your child has had diarrhea, vomiting, or a fever, and was sent home from our center, **he/she will need to remain home the day following being sent home**, and may not return until he/she is **free of symptoms for 24 hours** and has not been given any fever-reducing medications for at least eight hours.

All babies less than four months of age with a temperature of 101 degrees or higher should seek medical attention. Also, if your child has mucous discharge from the nose, eyes, or ears, it may be an indication of an infection; **please keep your child home**. It is difficult to keep children from spreading germs through hand to mouth contact (i.e. touching nose or ears, rub eyes then touch toys).

Our policy overrides any doctor's notes, to when a child may return to daycare.

When your child contracts any communicable disease such as chickenpox, impetigo, hand-foot-mouth, conjunctivitis (pink eye), etc., **he/she may return to the center only with a physician's release**. We appreciate your assistance in helping us keep our center as healthy as possible.

Snacks and Lunches

Two nutritious snacks and lunch will be served to all daycare children, infant through preschool age daily. Lunch in the cafeteria is available to students attending kindergarten through fifth grades. An afternoon snack is also provided for the school-aged children. **Hot lunch is now being provided by Guardian Angel Daycare on all early dismissal days and no school days for the children kindergarten through fifth grade**. Guardian Angel Daycare is an allergy conscious facility, please refrain from bringing in any snacks, food, or drinks that contain nuts or was processed in a plant that processes nut products. If you need clarification on this policy, please feel free to ask any staff member. During our summer camp, lunch will be provided to elementary-age children Monday through Friday.

Immunizations

All children, Infants through PreK-3, must have current immunization records on file with our center. If your child's file is not complete, you may be asked to exclude your child until proof of immunization is provided.

In a letter dated May 1, 2016, from the administration of the Skaggs Catholic Center, it states:

“The diocese of Salt Lake City has announced a change in the Catholic Schools’ Immunization Policy. All students enrolled in Catholic schools must be fully immunized. Vaccinating your child impacts the health and protection of all children in the community, especially those who cannot be immunized due to weakened immune systems and/or other medical reasons.

We strongly encourage you to immunize your child. Please discuss any concerns you have with a trusted health care provider or an immunization nurse at the Health Department. Your vaccine decision affects not only the health of your child, but also all of your family, your child’s friends and their families, and your community.

The new policy disseminated from the Diocese of Salt Lake City will not accept Personal or Religious exemptions. This policy, however, will allow a student to be enrolled if they have a Utah Health Department Medical Waiver signed by his/her physician.”

Below is the recommended schedule for immunizations:

Age →	Birth	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	12-15 Months	2 Years	4-6 Years	11-12 Years
Hep B	X	X		X				X
DTP/DTaP		X	X	X	X		X	
Hib		X	X	X			X	
Polio		X	X	X			X	
MMR*					X*		X	
Chicken Pox					X*		X	X
Hep A						X	X	
Td								X
Prevnar		X	X	X	X			
Rotavirus		X	X	X				
Influenza				Yearly				

*Given no sooner than a child's 1st birthday. Otherwise, the immunization may need to be repeated in order to be effective.

Medication Disbursement

In order to disburse medication, whether it is over the counter (OTC) or a prescription (Rx), we need a signed release. Forms are available from your child's teacher, at the front desk, and on our website (www.guardianangeldaycare.org). If it is an over the counter (OTC) medication, only a parent signature is needed. If it is a prescription (Rx) we will need both a **parent and physician signature** on the form in order to administer the medication. Medications will be stored in a marked cabinet in your child's classroom or in our medicine cabinet in our front office.

Temperature and Air Quality

At Guardian Angel Daycare, we are conscientious of the sensitivity of your children to extremes in temperatures as well as poor air quality. If the temperature is too cold or hot, we will limit and/or exclude outside time. We also monitor air quality through the Utah Department of Health website, www.airquality.utah.gov, in determining whether it is safe for extended play outdoors.

Toilet Training Policy

It is the policy of our Center and the Diocese of Salt Lake City that all children entering the three (PreK-3) and four-year-old preschool/pre-kindergarten programs are fully potty trained. Children must be able to wipe themselves from front to back; flushable wipes may be stored for your child's convenience. **NO MORE DAILY SHEETS WILL BE PROVIDED, THE CHILDREN ARE MORE INDEPENDENT NOW AND ARE ABLE TO SPEAK.** If the child is not **fully** potty trained they must be placed in the toddler program until the potty training process has been completed. The daycare fee will then be adjusted. If the toddler program does not have a space available, the parents must remove the child from the daycare until the potty training is complete. The absence will not affect the daycare fee. The child must be accident-free from St. John the Baptist preschool **and** Guardian Angel Daycare in order to remain enrolled.

The teachers in our toddler program will gladly assist in the toilet training of your child. Some basic skills all children need to begin this process are: the ability to follow simple instructions, understand words about the toilet process, regulate the muscles responsible for elimination, express verbally a need to go, keep a diaper dry for at least two hours and pull down underpants. We have found that the use of "pull-ups" delays the process by sending a mixed message to the child. Please refrain from bringing them to the daycare. It is recommended that you purchase the thick cloth training pants and plastic pants (to go over the cloth), instead.

Absences

Please let the staff know as soon as possible if your child(ren) will not be attending daycare. You may leave a message on our phone at any time of the day or night. Also, please be advised that the absence will not affect the fee. Your tuition holds your child's place in our center.

Anytime a spot is being held in our infant through PreK3 programs, you will be required to pay the agreed-upon yearly tuition. Absences due to vacation or sick will **not** affect your fees.

Items that Parents Need to Provide

Littlest Angels & Cherubs - Infants: Diapers, wipes, diaper cream, formula or breast milk, baby food (if not on table food), three boxes of tissues, child's blanket, two changes of clothes (labeled and appropriate for the weather), pacifier, and bottles. If you are providing breast milk, please send all breast milk in clean, pre-filled bottles labeled with your child's first and last name and the date the milk entered the facility. Breast milk may only be stored in our refrigerators for 24 hours. As soon as your child is able to eat foods, we will gladly supply two snacks and lunch daily.

Gentle Lambs & Peaceful Doves - One's: Diapers, wipes, diaper cream, three boxes of tissues, child's blanket, two changes of clothes (labeled and appropriate for the weather), pacifier, bottles (if used), two tubes of disinfecting wipes, and sunscreen. We will provide your child with two snacks and lunch daily.

Busy Bees & Cuddly Bears - Two's: Diapers, wipes, diaper cream, hard tube for wipes, two changes of clothes (labeled and appropriate for the weather), three boxes of tissues, sunscreen, jacket with hood, hat with ties, two tubes of disinfecting wipes, one box of *latex-free* bandaids. When it's time to potty train your child, we request you bring in thick cloth training pants with the plastic over pant - NO PULL-UPS - as pull-ups tend to confuse children. Two snacks and lunch will be served to your child daily.

Guardians & Virtues: PreK3 children need to supply the following: two 8 count packages washable markers, two 8 color watercolor paints, one package colored pencils, two packages Crayola crayons six large glue sticks, playdough set of primary colors, three boxes of tissues, one container of baby wipes, one container flushable wipes, two boxes of *latex-free* bandaids, stickers (any fun kind), and one package of disinfecting wipes, spare outfit (labeled and weather appropriate), one package (3-4) underwear (labeled with child's name), and sunscreen. Two snacks and lunch will be served to your child daily. Mat sheet and blanket for rest time will be provided by daycare.

Arch Angels PK4 EDP: The extended day PreK-4 children should have a change of clothes (labeled and appropriate for the weather), and three boxes of tissues.

Leap Frogs & Chillin' Cheetahs K-5th EDP: Change of clothes (labeled and appropriate for the weather), to be left in locker/cubby. Lunch on early dismissal and no school days will be provided as well as an afternoon snack each day.

Homework Time

For the children in our First and Second-grade class, we will have a period of 30 minutes set aside each day for optional homework time. Students in Third through Fifth grade will be given an hour each day to either get started on or complete their homework. After 30 minutes, if they are done with their assignments, the children may choose a quiet activity or read until the hour is complete. It is our policy not to "force" children to do their homework but only to give them the opportunity to work on it. The teachers are available to help your child with any questions they may have on their homework, but they do not check them when completed; you need to review your child's assignments at home.

Toys and Items from Home

Please **do not** allow your child to bring toys, money or expensive items to the center. It is difficult for children to share their own toys. Children may bring in a soft toy, no bigger than 10" x 5" for rest time, but it will need to stay in their cubbies before and after rest time. If we find toys from home, they will be kept at the front desk until Mom or Dad picks them up. We are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Birthday Party Policy

You are more than welcome to celebrate your child's birthday with their friends here at the Center. All treats must be **store-bought**; this is a state regulation. Make sure to check with us regarding times and possible food allergies of other children. However, if you would like to invite some of his/her friends to a party, **please mail the invitations to their homes** - we can provide you with a directory of your child's class upon request (addresses can be located in the school directory for PreK4 - 5th grade). This will help us avoid hurt feelings when a child does not receive an invitation.

Child Abuse Policy

The daycare follows the same procedures as St. John the Baptist Elementary School. A copy of this procedure is in the "St. John the Baptist Elementary Student/Parent Handbook". If you do not have a copy of the handbook and would like a copy of this policy, please let us know. We will be happy to provide you with a copy.

Line of Authority

As parents have delegated a share of their authority to teachers, it is imperative that there is a genuine unity of purpose and practice between home and school. Guardian Angel Daycare's goal is to solve conflicts at the lowest level by communicating directly with the party involved in a positive manner. For this reason, parents are urged to follow the following procedures when concerns or questions prompt an investigation of a center-related incident:

- LISTEN to what your child says, but remember you are only hearing one side of the story. Please do not participate in malicious gossip with other parents - go to the source for answers.
- DISCUSS the situation honestly with the teacher and child together (if age appropriate). Please do not participate in malicious gossip - go to the source.
- CONTACT the administration only when the situation requires additional decision-making.

It is important that parents contact the person in the line of authority and go to a higher authority only when necessary.

Line of Authority: Teacher → Director → Elementary Principal → Superintendent. One of the most common causes of disunity is to have parents criticize teachers in the presence of children. When this occurs, it undermines the credibility and authority of the teachers. If a problem arises, please communicate with the proper school official as per the line of authority stated above.

Harassment

Guardian Angel Daycare staff take pride in comporting ourselves in a professional manner. We respect the feelings of our children, their parents, and our fellow associates. Knowing your child(ren) are your own “baby Jesus”, we take the best care of them as if they were our own. Because we care, if there is something that is out of the normal for your child, we will communicate this to you. This should not be taken as an attack but as an opportunity for brainstorming a solution for your child.

If any parent verbally or physically attacks one of our staff, he/she will be asked to leave and not be allowed to drop off or pick up the child. Continued verbal altercations or harassment will result in your family’s termination of enrollment in Guardian Angel Daycare.

Dismissal Guidelines

A child/family may be dismissed if:

- The center cannot meet the physical, mental, or emotional needs of the child.
- The child threatens the safety, health, and/or well-being of others.
- Tuition is late.
- Parents ignore center guidelines, and/or cause ongoing stress to center staff or operations.
- Repeated tardiness in picking up a child at closing time.
- Parents/Guardians threaten the safety of the children and/or staff.

Media Release

GADC, Saint John the Baptist Elementary, and the SLC Dioceses will use photos of our children for promotion and/or recognition purposes. The director of GADC will also post pictures on the center website and social media. By signing the GADC handbook you are agreeing to the use of your child’s pictures. ***If you request your child’s photo not to be used for any of the above purposes, please email the director ASAP.***

Payment Policy

The Guardian Angel Daycare uses the F.A.C.T.S. Tuition Payment Plan to administer to the collection for child care fees. The F.A.C.T.S. program is based upon automatic payment, as authorized by parents, from their bank accounts to F.A.C.T.S. The amount of each month will be filled in by the administration and F.A.C.T.S. will contact you to verify the amount.

We are excited to announce a new way to sign up for F.A.C.T.S. with Guardian Angel Daycare. ***Family Portal***, a new program through F.A.C.T.S. has been implemented campus-wide to streamline the payment collection process. Registering for it takes five minutes - it’s that easy! No forms are required.

All new families and those who attend on a drop-in basis need to register with *Family Portal*. Families already signed up with F.A.C.T.S. need to do nothing. To register, please visit our Fees page at www.guardianangeldaycare.org and click on the “*Family Portal*” icon at the bottom of the page.

For our **new families**, once you have completed the registration process, we will fill in the amount owed as well as the payment amount with F.A.C.T.S. A letter will then be sent to you for your review.

For our **drop-in only families**, once you have completed the registration process, nothing will be charged to your account until your child attends. (However, for us to complete your account registration, we will need to enter a dollar amount with F.A.C.T.S.) At the beginning of each month, a statement will be emailed to you for the previous month's charges. If there is no discrepancy, the amount owed will be submitted to F.A.C.T.S. and it will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of the month. If there is an error in your charges, please notify either Vanessa Morales or Jody Kearney no later than the 10th of the month.

The automatic payment process is strictly controlled by state and federal laws to be absolutely confidential and limited to what has been authorized by parents. Accounts that are three months in the rears will be referred to an outside agency for collection. **Fees reflect the days the Daycare is open only. We do not charge for days in which we are closed, fees are then divided equally between nine months for the school year, twelve months for infants through preschool.** Deductions in tuition **will not** be given for holidays, sick or vacations.

Late Payments

All payments for tuition are due by the 20th of the month. If no payment is received in a given month, your account will be assessed a \$30.00 Late Payment Fee.

Infant Room 6 Weeks to 2-Year-Olds - Full Time Only

Registration Fee	Monthly Fee (12 months)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
\$50.00	\$1,061.00	\$12,732.00	\$12,782.00

Toddler Room 2-Year-Olds and Young 3-Year-Olds - Full Time Only

Registration Fee	Monthly Fee (12 months)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,050.00

3 Year Old Preschool Program 8:00 AM-11:00 AM Monday through Friday

Days	Registration Fee	August 17-31 Prorated tuition	Monthly Fee (9 months, September through May)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
2 days a week Tue./ Thurs.	\$105.00	\$140	\$280.00 75 Days of attendance	\$2,660	\$2,765
3 days a week Mon./Wed./Fri.	\$105.00	\$194	\$389.00 112 Days of attendance	\$3,695	\$3,800
5 days a week Full Time	\$105.00	\$326	\$653.00 187 Days of attendance	\$6,203	\$6,308

3 Year Old Preschool and Childcare Preschool Class 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Child Care Available Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM to 6:00 pm

Days	Registration Fee	August 17-31 Prorated tuition	Monthly Fee (9 months, September through May)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
2 days a week Tue./ Thurs.	\$105.00	\$188	\$377.00 75 Days of attendance	\$3,581	\$3,686
3 days a week Mon./Wed./Fri.	\$105.00	\$265	\$531.00 112 Days of attendance	\$5,044	\$5,149
5 days a week Full Time	\$105.00	\$415	\$831.00 187 Days of attendance	\$7,894	\$7,999

4 Year Old Preschool Program AM - Monday through Friday 8AM - 11AM Childcare Available

7:00am-8:00am and 11:00AM-6:00PM

4 Year Old Preschool PM - Mon/Tue/Thur/ Fri - NO CLASS On Wednesday's 12PM - 3PM. Child care is available 7AM to 12PM and/or all day on Wednesday (No School)

Days	Registration Fee	August 17-31 Prorated tuition	Monthly Fee (9 months, September through May)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
Drop-in	\$50.00	-	\$35 Per Day	-	-
2 days a week	\$50.00	\$136	\$273.00 75 Days of attendance	\$2,593	\$2,643
3 days a week	\$50.00	\$206	\$413.00 112 Days of attendance	\$3,923	\$3,973
4-5 days a week Full Time	\$50.00	\$303	\$606.00 187 Days of attendance	\$5,757	\$5,807
**4 days a week 7am - 12pm M/T/Th/F	\$50.00	\$130	\$260.00	\$2,470	\$2,520

****Morning Extended Daycare for Pre-K4 PM students only - Pick-up time @3:00PM @SJBE.**

School Age Children (Kindergarten-5th Grade) Before and After School - Child Care available 7AM to 8AM and 3PM to 6PM

****First Wednesdays of the Month(& other occasional days) Early Dismissal @12:45 PM****

Days	Registration Fee	August 17-31 Prorated tuition	Monthly Fee (9 months, September through May)	Childcare Fees	Net Total
Drop-In	\$50.00	-	\$20.00 Per Day	-	-
1 day a week	\$50.00	\$36.00	\$72.00 38 Days of Attendance	\$684	\$734
2 days a week	\$50.00	\$78.50	\$157.00 75 Days of Attendance	\$1,491	\$1,541
3 days a week	\$50.00	\$107.50	\$215.00 114 Days of Attendance	\$2,042	\$2,092
4-5 days week Full Time	\$50.00	\$158.00	\$316.00 187 Days of attendance	\$3,002	\$3,052
No School	50.00	-	\$35.00 Per Day	-	-

*******Included in monthly tuition is AM snack, Lunch, and PM snack*******

All families are required to set up a FACTS account to pay for the tuition. You can sign up for a new account or re-register online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/signin/3G31V>. Payments are deducted on the 5th or the 20th of each month. FACTS is part of the acceptance procedure for all schools at Skaggs Catholic Center.

Changing Rooms (Moving Up)

All Children are moved to the next room up when the school year begins. This provides a natural progression throughout their school career at the Skaggs Catholic Center. However, at times, the director may need to make changes to your child's placement, which will happen only with prior parental notification. It is a Diocesan policy that all children must be 3 years old by September 1st in order to be placed in a 3-year-old preschool and that they are fully potty trained.

Donations Needed

The Center graciously accepts donations such as: crayons, paper, markers, yarn, buttons, tissues, pencils, fabric, stamps, board games, glitter glue, sequins, copy paper, and art supplies. Please check with the administration before dropping items off.

Biting

"Biting is quite common among young children [in group care]. It happens for different reasons with different children and under different circumstances. The first step in learning to control is to look at why it may be happening." □ Lesia Oesterreich, M.S., Family Life Extension Specialist Human Development and Family Studies, Iowa State University.

Why Children Bite

Exploration - Infants and toddlers learn by touching, smelling, hearing, and tasting. If you give an infant a toy, one of the first places it goes is to the mouth. Tasting or “mouthing” things is something that all children do. Children this age do not always understand the difference between gnawing on a toy and biting someone.

Teething - Children begin teething around the ages of four to seven months. Infants sometimes find relief from this discomfort by chewing on something. Sometimes the object they chomp on is a real person! Children this age do not truly understand the difference between chewing on a toy or a person.

Cause and Effect - Around the age of 12 months, infants become interested in finding out what happens when they do something. When they bang a spoon on the table, they discover that it makes a loud sound. When they drop a toy from their crib, they discover it falls. They may also discover that when they bite someone, they get a loud scream of protest!

Attention - Older toddlers may sometimes bite to get attention.

Imitation - Older toddlers love to imitate others. Watching others and trying to do what they do is a great way to learn things. Sometimes children see others bite and decide to try it out themselves. When an adult bites a child back in punishment, it generally does not stop the biting but teaches the child that biting is okay.

Independence - Toddlers are trying so hard to be independent. “Mine” and “Me do it” are favorite words. Learning to do things independently, making choices, and needing control over a situation is part of growing up. Biting is a powerful way to control others.

Frustration - Young children experience a lot of frustration. Growing up is a real struggle. Toddlers don’t have good control over their bodies yet. A loving pat sometimes turns to a push. Toddlers cannot talk well. They have trouble asking for things or requesting help. At times, they can’t find words to express their feelings, they resort to hitting, pushing or biting.

Stress - A child’s world can be stressful too. Children also experience stressful events like death, divorce or a move to a new home. Biting is one way to express feelings and to relieve tension.

Actions Parents Can Take:

- Make sure your child is well-rested
- Offer your child a big meal before drop off
- Spend some time cuddling each day before drop off

- Teach gentle touch
- Respond to biting incident by telling the child, “Stop! Biting hurts!”

Biting is a very difficult behavior to stop. The parents and teachers need to be consistent with staying close to the child and redirecting then to use their words.

Biting can be an uncomfortable issue for parents. Parents of a child who is bitten are often outraged and angry. Parents of the biter may feel embarrassed and frustrated.

The teacher will do the following by observing and recording the following:

- When does the child bite?
- Could the child be hungry?
- Does the child seem frustrated?
- Does the child bite when they are playing independent of adults?
- Does the child bite one person in particular?
- How much language is the child using?
- How many times does the child bite?

Usually, biting issues resolve itself over time. However, the parents are welcome to meet with Jody Kearney and/or Vanessa Morales to develop a plan of action. Consistency between home and the Center will help the child learn appropriate behaviors more quickly.

Three-Year-Old Preschool (PreK-3)

Guardian Angel Daycare administers the Preschool 3 program (St. John the Baptist administers the PreK-4 program). In order to be eligible for this program, your child must be three years old by September 1st; this is a state law and the Diocese of Salt Lake City enforces this policy throughout their schools. Our curriculum, *Learn Every Day*, is specially designed and developmentally appropriate for the three-year-old child. The religion curriculum we use is through *RCL Benziger* and is entitled “Stories of God’s Love” - this, too, is specifically designed for the three-year-old. The waiting list for our preschool program opens in September and closes in February for the following school year. We offer three choices of programs: a two day programs on Tuesday and Thursday, a three day program on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a five day program Monday through Friday. You may also choose preschool only (8:00 AM - 11:00 AM) or all day (any time from 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM).

Closed Days for 2020-2021 School Year

Guardian Angel Daycare is open on all teacher contract days. The calendar represents August 2020 - July 2021 and is subject to change. The calendar on our website is always up to date; please check www.guardianangeldaycare.org.

August 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 GADC CLOSED SCHOOL PREP	14 GADC CLOSED SCHOOL PREP	15
16	17 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 GADC CLOSED LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 GADC CLOSED THANKSGIVING BREAK	26 GADC CLOSED THANKSGIVING BREAK	27 GADC CLOSED THANKSGIVING BREAK	28
29	30					

December 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	22 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	23 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	24 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	25 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	26
27	28 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	29 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	30 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	31 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK		

January 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 GADC CLOSED HOLIDAY BREAK	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 GADC CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 GADC CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 GADC CLOSED DIOCESAN PROFESSIONAL DAY	13
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	15	16	17 ST. PATRICKS DAY	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

April 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 GADC CLOSED EASTER BREAK	2 GADC CLOSED EASTER BREAK	3
4	5 GADC CLOSED EASTER BREAK	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	29
30	31 GADC CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY					

June 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 GADC CLOSED SUMMER PREP	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 FATHER'S DAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

July 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT

				1	2	3
4	5 GADC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 GADC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PIONEER DAY	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31