

Exploring the Puddle

Early Learning Centre

Policy 7.0

FIELDTRIPS

The centre will be taking the children on many monthly fieldtrips.

Procedure:

1. Fieldtrips will be posted and permission will be requested.
2. Family members may be asked to volunteer their time at least three trips annually.
 - a. Family members who attend fieldtrips must be over the age of 18 years
 - b. Siblings may attend under the supervision of another family member
3. Community walks are part of curriculum and may occur without notice.
4. Staff will ensure that proper safety measures are being taken on walks and outings
 - a. Children will always be within arm's length of a staff member while walking
 - b. Children will wear their blue vests, yellow vests, or centre name tags while on outings
 - c. Children that need extra assistance on walks will walk with a staff member until that staff member feels the child is safe to walk with another child
 - d. Staff will do a site check before allowing children to play in areas such as Boitanio Park, Spirit Square, etc.
 - i. Children will hold each other's hand in a line along with a staff member and walk together looking for "sharp" objects or "something they've never seen before".
 - ii. Children are instructed to never pick up any garbage, sharp objects or things they are unsure of.
 - iii. Staff member will do one final check on their own while the children wait together to be sure the entire site has been cleared.
5. Headcounts will be done constantly, as they are while at the centre, to ensure everyone is accounted for.
6. If any situation deems itself to be unsafe – staff will gather the children immediately and leave or call 911 if needed. Families will be called if necessary. Families are always informed about their child's day at the centre.

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