# Center-Wide Expectations for Children, Staff, and Families

Our center asks that all children, staff, and families follow three simple expectations: Be Safe, Be Kind, and Be a Team Player. These expectations guide how we teach, play, and work together and help create a consistent, respectful environment where every child can thrive.

## What each expectation means

- **Be Safe**: Use safe hands, voices, and bodies; follow routines; and speak up when someone needs help. Safety means protecting physical well-being and emotional safety so children feel secure to learn and explore.
- **Be Kind**: Show respect, use polite words, and treat others with empathy. Kindness builds trust, models positive behavior, and helps children develop strong social and emotional skills.
- **Be a Team Player**: Cooperate, communicate, and support one another—children, families, and staff. Teamwork encourages problem-solving, consistency, and shared responsibility for each child's success.

## Why these expectations matter

- For your child: Consistent expectations at school and at home make routines predictable and reduce anxiety. Children learn important social skills (sharing, empathy, self-regulation) more quickly when adults model and reinforce the same values. This supports school readiness, friendships, and long-term confidence.
- For the staff-family partnership: When families and staff use the same expectations, communication is clearer and responses to behavior are consistent. That alignment strengthens trust, speeds problem resolution, and creates a unified approach to supporting each child's growth.

## How you can help at home

- Reinforce the language: Use the same three phrases—**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be a Team Player**—at home so your child hears consistent expectations.
- Notice and praise: Point out examples of safe, kind, and cooperative behavior to encourage repetition.
- Model the expectations: Children copy adults—demonstrate how you keep others safe, speak kindly, and work together.
- Talk it through: Briefly talk with your child after transitions (home to school, school to home) about successes and small goals tied to these expectations.

We have created a resource sheet with scripts and tasks for you to use at home. You can find it here

Thank you for partnering with us to make our center a safe, caring, and cooperative place for every child!