

Parent Volunteer Guidelines

Expectations of volunteers:

- Volunteers may not discipline children, please refer behavior issues to a teacher.
- Always get down to the children's level when helping and working with them.
- Talking to other volunteers can be distracting to children and give them the impression that what they are doing is not as important as your conversation.
- Please refrain from photographing children and posting their photos on social media.
- Volunteers may not help children with toileting.
- If you are not sure what to do please ask a teacher or try some of the following:
 - Help children with routine tasks if needed.
 - Join a group of children at a table or on the rug.
 - Help increase language skills by describing what they are doing and encouraging conversations.
 - Encourage children to ask questions and discover things for themselves.

Parent volunteers are very much appreciated by us so thank you for considering helping in our classrooms.

Something to keep in mind: You may find that volunteering in your child's classroom just doesn't work out. This happens! Many times a child is so excited to have you in their classroom that they act differently. Don't worry, a teacher will remind your child that the same rules apply even when you are volunteering. Also, if your child is having any difficulty separating from you we may suggest that you wait until they are more secure in being away from you before you help out in the classroom.