

## CAST Policy Regarding Illness

It is our policy to have teachers...

- ...conduct a quick health scan of every child at drop off time. At this time teachers will note each child's general demeanor and will have the opportunity to speak to parents regarding any health concerns.
- ...call the office to alert Miss Katie regarding any developing health concerns during the course of the day at which time Katie may call parents to give a "heads up" and possibly suggesting a call or visit to the pediatrician.
- ...ask Miss Katie to call a parent for a fever over 100.5 degrees or an indication of a contagious illness such as coxsackie or pink eye. Should Miss Katie call and ask a parent to bring a child home or to the pediatrician, this must be done within a reasonable time in order to protect other children and teachers. Sick children will be cared for and kept comfortable until a parent arrives.

Should an infant show signs of fever due to teething, parents may speak to Miss Katie in the office in order to get the proper forms and information that will allow teachers in our Nursery to administer Tylenol. Tylenol will not be given to children other than for teething pain.

If your child will be absent from school, please call and let us know. Miss Katie will post an advisory outside your child's classroom door to alert parents if a contagious illness has been diagnosed in the classroom. No names will be mentioned.

**As hard as we try to keep CAST clean and germ free, young children and toddlers will become ill during the school year. If you are a working parent, you must have a "BACK-UP PLAN". We will expect you to keep your child home if he/she has a fever or a contagious illness. The CAST Health Guide outlines different illnesses and advises when a child may return to school.**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and I understand the CAST Policy Concerning Illness. I will develop a "back-up" plan for the care of my child when he/she may not come to school due to fever or illness. I understand that this policy is for the protection of my child and other children and teachers in the CAST community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # (where I can always be reached)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date