

## Guidelines for Activity Groups

1. **Watch** for an “e-blast” announcing when the latest newsletter is available on-line at this link [http://www.cantonschools.org/CPAT/CPAT\\_newsletter.html](http://www.cantonschools.org/CPAT/CPAT_newsletter.html). Sign up for groups each session (3 sessions a year) after viewing the latest e-newsletter by calling the CPAT office - 693-7765.
2. Please **sit with your child** during circle time and **participate together** in the activities. You are your child’s first best teacher and role model.
3. Because high school classes are in session, we ask that you **please make a special effort to be quiet as you enter and leave the school building.**
4. Because no environment is 100% childproof, you must always keep a watchful eye on your child(ren). Please **do not bring toys from home.**
5. During transition from free play to circle time, encourage your child to put away toys and settle into the circle where the play is more structured. This will help prepare him/her for the more routine based environment of nursery and elementary school.
6. Children exhibit negative behaviors like pushing, hitting, throwing and biting at certain developmental stages. When these behaviors occur, please stay **close** to your child while you **guide** him/her in appropriate ways to play.

Keep in mind that attention span and interest levels vary widely during toddler hood. If your child is not “**up to**” participating in a group activity after you have attempted to bring her/him back to the group, offer a choice to sit/play “**quietly**” in another part of the room and perhaps read a story, or to leave. This helps establish firm boundaries through loving discipline and removes the child if necessary from an uncomfortable situation.

Should your child “**fall apart (crying, upset, etc)**” and is not able to “come around”...it’s okay to call it a day and try again next week...and don’t feel bad, we’ve all been there!

7. We encourage parents to share their talents with our groups. If you would like to read a story, lead a game, or have an idea for an activity, please let our staff know.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to providing a fun-filled learning environment for you and your family.