

Sauk Centre Preschool uses a variety of teaching practices and interventions to support the social and emotional development of all children. Preschool staff use a positive and proactive approach to help children develop social and emotional skills. Preschool expectations are taught under the theme of "Preschool Pride". Preschool Pride is a program-wide approach, focused on social and emotional development for all children, which ensures a safe, positive, and successful learning environment for our youngest learners. The key to Preschool Pride is the idea that expected behavior needs to be taught, re-taught, modeled, and practiced.

All staff members teach all children Preschool Pride expectations. These expectations can also be taught at home and will be shared with families each fall. Sauk Centre Preschool values partnerships with families. We find that when we are all on the same page with our expectations, children are more able to understand and meet those expectations.

Preschool Pride focuses on three areas:

- ◆ **Be Respectful**
- ◆ **Be Responsible**
- ◆ **Be Safe**

- In addition to Preschool Pride expectations, preschool staff use positive methods of child guidance and natural and logical consequences such as:
 - Redirection, Sit and Watch
- If a child has behavior challenges, a more individualized intervention may be needed in order to support the child and provide a successful learning experience. At Sauk Centre Preschool we utilize a team approach led by the behavior coach to determine appropriate individualized interventions. Family input is essential in developing an individualized intervention. Individualized interventions are monitored and adjusted as needed in order to support the child's social, emotional, and behavioral development.
 - If a child engages in behavior that is harmful to themselves or others, staff might remove the child from the activity or room until the child is calm and able to return to the classroom. If a child is removed from the classroom, preschool staff will notify parents with the goal of developing a plan in order to support the child.