

CU CITIZEN



Be **KIND** to your **FRIENDS**



Be **SAFE** with Hands & Feet



Take **CARE** of Books & Toys



Fix it to **MAKE** it Better



Dear Parents:

In our classrooms at Children Unlimited, we practice school wide positive behavior supports. This includes having consistent school rules throughout the building and using a positive system to acknowledge good behaviors. This recognition of appropriate behaviors is aligned with our participation in *NH RESPONDS* and **Response to Intervention (RTI)**.

This week, we will begin to teach the school rules in our preschool classrooms and to start using the pom-pom jar to reinforce *kind*, *safe* and *caring* behaviors. Young children need to be taught many of the behaviors that are expected in school. They need support to stand in line, follow directions, take turns and to share. We teach the children what it means to be *kind* and friendly. We help children to remember to be safe with hands and feet, and to use words to express protest or disagreement. Children are learning how to help take care of the materials in our classroom and to handle things with care while playing and during clean-up.

When we recognize the behaviors that we wish to encourage, we also teach desired behaviors and remind all the children of the school rules. Children are encouraged to notice and feel good when they accomplish something that is hard – or when they do something that is kind, safe, caring or to fix something. We have been talking to kids about how we can make things better when we make a mistake or forget a rule. We can help our friends with spills or when blocks are knocked over. When we hurt someone, we can say, “I’m sorry” or “Are you okay?”

To help build a positive sense of self, and personal responsibility, children are encouraged to place a pom-pom in a jar to recognize their own positive behaviors - or the positive behaviors of others. Adults throughout the building (parents, too) are also using it for acknowledgement of positive behavior for CU Citizens in our Children Unlimited Community. When our pom-pom jar is filled the entire class will do something special and fun together to celebrate!

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education program,

Katie & Susan

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