## Thank you for volunteering to chaperone!

Below are some basic guidelines that will help to ensure that everyone has a great time and is safe.



## **Chaperone Guidelines:**

- **♣** Remember they are *children* and NOT yours.
- ♣ You are a representation of Kinderwood please remember to be a positive role model.
- Be conscious of health and the safety of the children in our care.
- ♣ Do not share cups, silverware and/or tissues.
- ♣ Do not buy special treats or prizes for your group unless you want to buy something for all children attending. It is unfair.
- Do not be afraid to let loose and have fun. That's what fieldtrips are about.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Follow a Zero Tolerance Policy No play fighting, rough housing, guns (including arcade games), Knives or any other violent activities and/or games.
- ♣ Remind children to potty frequently.
- Please be sure to have children remain fairly clean (no playing in mud/dirt) If a child needs to wash then please assist them.
- Please be sure that ALL children have a seat on the bus and light rail before you find yourself a seat. Remember their safety is our #1 priority.
- ♣ Please be sure to always have the children in your sight.
- → Don't hesitate to ask a teacher for help during bathroom routine. We understand that it can be an uncomfortable situation for chaperones to assist a child that is not theirs. Most of the children that are on fieldtrips have bathroom skills that enable them to go into the bathroom stall independently.
- No cell phones. We need your attention to be on the children. Not talking to friends, family or work on the phone. We do understand that emergencies happen and you may need to take a call. If that is the case please be sure to give your group to Ms. Char and then to remove yourself from the group while you take care of your emergency. It only takes a moment of your attention being away from the children for something to happen.
- You may use your Cell phone as a camera.
- USE COMMON SENSE!

These guidelines are here to help all the children in our group have a safe and happy fieldtrip. Fieldtrips are an important part of a child's development. It teaches them how to conduct themselves in public, it gives them concrete lessons in different areas in which we are currently reviewing, and most of all is a great way for the children to have fun. It is because of GREAT and positive chaperones that we are able to take the children on these exciting trips. Remember some of these children may not receive these great opportunities of exploration and learning if it wasn't for our fieldtrips.

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