

Good Touch, Bad Touch



Good Touch, Bad Touch is a comprehensive child abuse prevention curriculum designed for Kindergarten through 6th grade students. This works as a tool to teach children the skills they need to play a significant role in the interruption or prevention of child abuse in their own lives. Children are taught what abuse is, are given prevention skills including "body safety rules", and are taught how to take action and get help if they are victimized.

Good Touch, Bad Touch is taught in the classrooms by the counselors, Mrs. DeSantis and Mr. Jordan. We have been carefully trained to teach this curriculum in order to give the children important life skills that they can use in novel situations. We usually reserve the month of February for Good Touch, Bad Touch classroom curriculum. Information letters are sent home to the parents and caregivers of all children who will take part in this lesson.

The program goals are:

- To give children practical skills for life
- To give children language and information about abuse that is positive, non-threatening, and practical
- To teach the children that their body is their own
- To teach the child how to say "NO!" to abuse
- To help children identify those people who can help if there is a problem with abuse, bullying, or other situations that make them feel uncomfortable or give them the "uh oh" feeling

- To teach children about the "uh oh" feeling and to teach them to go to someone they feel safe with and ask questions when confused or uncomfortable
- To affirm the fact that abuse is NEVER the child's fault
- To give children the opportunity to practice the skills learned
- To empower the children by teaching they are special and have the right to learn ALL rules for safety
- To teach children that it is NEVER OK for one child to hurt another child