

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center



Parent Handbook



Dear Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Parents:

Welcome to Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center! Congratulations on choosing a Catholic faith-based childcare center for your child. We are very blessed to have you and your child enrolled at our Center this year. We look forward to working closely with you, as we realize parents are the primary educators of their young children. It is our hope that through open communication and ongoing dialogue between our Center, classroom teachers, and families, we can provide experiences that will nurture each child and foster his/her growth and love of learning.

Sacred Heart is a Catholic Early Childhood Center and is a Florida Catholic Conference Accredited Infant through 4 year Old School and part of the Diocese of St. Petersburg Schools and Centers. Our purpose is to provide quality Christian education and child care in an atmosphere that encourages respect, social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth & development of the child as a whole. Sharing our Catholic faith with our children and families is our reason for existence. It is our hope that families are encouraged and supported in your own ongoing faith journey, as you walk these steps with your young children.

We invite and welcome all of our families to attend Sunday Masses at our Sacred Heart Parish Church. You may find the church Mass schedule on our website and in our monthly newsletter. Religious education classes are available for children 5 years old and up. The Parish Youth Group offers activities and spiritual retreats for children ages 13 and up. RCIA is available for all adults who wish to join the Catholic Church or are interested in deepening their understanding of the faith.

Our Parent Handbook, along with additional communications from our Center, will give families an overview of our program and of our policies and procedures that are in place for the safety and well-being of all. Parents are asked to carefully read, review and refer to the information enclosed during your time with us. We are here to support decisions related to your child and to assist families with transitions from home to here and program to program.

Parent involvement in our Center is appreciated, encouraged and welcomed. There are many ways parents can be a part of our ECC Community throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities are outlined in the enclosed Parent Handbook, as well as additional opportunities that will be offered throughout the year. Family involvement is a vital part of SHECC and you are encouraged to be part of your child's journey, in a way that will best allow your child to find comfort and security in his/her new environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies and/or your child's transition into our Center, please feel free to meet with me.

Sincerely,
Lucinda O'Quinn, Director
Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center
January 1, 2019



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MISSION STATEMENT

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center, a Catholic community, provides a warm and accepting environment that fosters respect and dignity for all people by modeling Christian values of faithfulness, service and love while achieving academic excellence and as our children grow and learn.

Children are our Ministry

PHILOSOPHY

It is the philosophy of SHECC that a Catholic Christian based early childhood program should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring, and discovery through developmentally appropriate activities. Preschool children are creative and receptive; the staff strives to nurture Christian values of love, acceptance, community and dignity in the children who attend.

GOVERNANCE

SHECC, established in 1984, is a Catholic School/Center of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and a Ministry of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Our operation is governed by the Diocese of St. Petersburg and a volunteer Parish Council and Child Care Advisory & Finance Council. We are licensed and comply with this state's Department of Children and Families Services, Pasco County Health Department, Pasco County Fire Service, the Department of Environmental Regulations and Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando. We adhere to the Diocese's Faith Formation and Safe Environment standards along with the Florida Department of Education Learning Standards for Children Birth through Kindergarten.

FLORIDA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ACCREDITATION

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center is proud to announce our Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation standing as an *Accredited Infant through 4-Year Old School* as of March 2019. This marks Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center as the first ECC in the Diocese of St. Petersburg to receive this honor.

The Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program is one of the oldest Catholic accrediting programs in the country. In the 1960's, the Florida bishops appointed a committee to explore accreditation. After studying various systems, they established a program unique to Catholic schools which would guarantee constant and continued improvement, accrediting the first schools in 1969. The Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program is a charter member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

The FCC Accredits over 180 Catholic schools and centers located in Florida. Key facets of the program include... that faculty and professional support staff meet diocesan, state, and/or national requirements for academic preparation and licensing to ensure their capacity to provide effective curriculum and instruction. Curriculum and instruction for 21st century learning provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to become creative, reflective, literate, critical, and moral evaluators, problem solvers, decision makers, and socially responsible global citizens. Focus on continued school improvement and accountability. The rubrics for the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools are the core of the program.

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center opened its doors in October 1984. For more than 30 years, their purpose has been to provide quality Christian education and child care in an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth & development of the child.

The faculty and staff are honored and excited to be part of the Florida Catholic Conference and are committed to maintaining the highest level of excellence through the review and adherence to the FCC Standards, continued Professional, Education Development and Faith Formation Opportunities. Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center prides itself on its ability to meet all their family's early childhood care and educational needs.

TEACHERS

All full time teachers at SHECC have completed their Florida Child Care Professional Credential Certificate through the Child Care Apprenticeship program. Many of our part-time teachers have also completed and/or are working towards this Certification. All staff of SHECC complete continuing education courses annually to meet the requirements of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Co., to enhance their professionalism. We encourage our Teachers/Staff to continue their education, and work with them so that they can complete their degrees.



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ADMISSION POLICIES

The Catholic Schools/Centers of the Diocese of St. Petersburg restate their open admission policy, namely, that no person on the grounds of race, color, national or ethnic origin is discriminated against in admission or in receiving services in any school operated by them.

SHECC warmly welcomes new and returning families to our Center. Every opportunity is made to welcome visitors and enrolled families. Inquiring families may tour our facilities, meet our staff, ask questions, received brochures, and additional pertinent materials to assist with the transition from home to school. It is imperative that parents be forthcoming and share all educational evaluation information, disabling conditions, prior specialized placements & familial issues which may require special educational programming. Should a parent not share appropriate information about the child's needs, the school may recommend withdrawal or transfer to a more suitable educational environment. We are a private program, and being such may terminate service to a family if we feel we are unable to accommodate or meet the needs of the child/family.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

Children's records are open only to the Director, an authorized staff member of the Center, an authorized employee of the licensing agency, or the child's parent or legal guardian.

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

SHECC is open Monday through Friday. We are open at 6:30 a.m. for families that must have early care and close at 5:30 p.m. The morning session ends at the end of the class lunch time. Please see your child's teacher for pick up time. Extended care (until 6:00 p.m.) may be pre-arranged on a weekly basis for an additional fee. After 6:00pm the late charge fee of \$10.00 per child, per 5 minutes applies.

Please make every effort to have your child in their classroom no later than 9:30 a.m. If you are not able to have your child in their classroom by 9:30 a.m., please wait until after classroom nap time to bring them. Arriving during activities may be disruptive to the other children.

Due to state regulations concerning class size and teacher ratio, missed days may not be made up on non-scheduled days.

EMERGENCY CARDS

Please make sure your Emergency Cards are completely filled out (front and back) and keep all telephone numbers and emergency contacts up to date. In the event a child is sick, and we are unable to contact the parents, we will contact the person(s) listed as an emergency contact. In the event that we are unable to reach any contact person provided, or if no emergency contact numbers are provided, we will contact DCF. *Please notify the center immediately of any changes of address, phone numbers, places of employment, medical information, legal guardianship or any other pertinent information.*

HARASSMENT POLICY

The Diocese of St. Petersburg requires that each parish, Catholic School or early childhood center establish and adopt a policy that prohibits any form of harassment by any individual. The Diocese of St. Petersburg strives for the establishment of a Christian, professional and supportive educational environment for all persons engaged in or involved with religious education programs, schools and early childhood centers, and parish youth ministry programs in non-employment situations. No parish, school, or early childhood center will be responsible for off campus harassment, unless it occurs at a parish, school, or early childhood center-sponsored event.

RECORDS

Children must have the following forms on file before they may attend our Center. Forms are to be updated each year.

Complete Registration Packet

Record of current physical examination (date valid for 2 years) Form DH3040

Certificate of immunization (current & updated) Form DH680

Notarized copy of the Shared Parental responsibility of the Final Judgment of the Disillusion of Marriage (If Applicable)

Parents are asked to inform the office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, emergency information, health conditions, etc.

We will notify the child's parents when immunizations are to be updated; however, it is the parent's responsibility for getting the immunization forms updated before the expiration date. If forms are not updated before the expiration date, DCF will not allow the child to attend until all records are up to date.

IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Catholic Schools within the Diocese of St. Petersburg require enrolling students to submit a Florida Department of Health Certificate of Immunization and provided for in Florida Statute 1003.00 as a condition precedent to acceptance. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of St. Petersburg do not recognize a religious objection to this immunization. This policy is effective as of the 2011/2012 school year.

VPK REQUIREMENTS

These additional forms are required for the VPK Program:

Certificate of Eligibility

SHECC VPK Agreement

Monthly Attendance Verification form (Signed each month)

ELC REQUIREMENTS

These additional forms are required for the ELC Program:

ELC Contractual Agreement

ELC Child Care Certificate

PROGRAMS OFFERED

INFANTS and TODDLERS

Parents of infants and toddlers are responsible for bottles, food, disposable diapers, and one container of wipes a month. If your child needs powders, diaper creams and/or teething ointment, you must provide it and complete an "authorization for medication" form. *Medication may not be put into bottles or kept in your child's diaper bag.* Information such as type of formula and special dietary needs is important information. Please share this information with your baby's care giver. All bottles, food containers, and pacifiers must be labeled with first and last name. Please note that food or cereal may not be put in children's bottles.

Part-Time placement for Infants may be available on a limited basis. SHECC reserves the right, if needed, to withdraw the availability of Part-Time care to accommodate Full-Time placement.

PRESCHOOL I, II and VPK

SHECC incorporates "The Creative Curriculum" which includes developmentally appropriate sharing and conversation time; stories, songs, and finger plays; creative art activities; food preparation; science and nature activities; exposure to shapes, colors, numbers, and literary enrichment; and celebration of birthdays and holidays. The Creative Curriculum program correlates with the Sunshine State Standards.

The program we use for Social/Emotional Development is Second Step. The curriculum is designed to increase social competency in children. Socially Competent children cooperate, show consideration for others, manage their feelings appropriately, and have success in solving problems.

The key objectives of our religious education program, Bright Beginnings, are to help teachers lead young children through a variety of experiences and activities which will help them to: Develop positive self-concepts, Discover and appreciate God's wonderful world, Show Christian attitudes toward others, and Worship God in prayer and song. These objectives are also met by visits to church for song, bible story and prayer.

Our VPK program will almost follow the public school calendar. A calendar will be provided to each family. For those parents wishing to have full day care, we offer a wrap-around program to accommodate those needs. There is an additional fee for this service. If your child is enrolled in the full day wrap-around program and attends on a scheduled VPK holiday, the parent will be responsible for additional tuition.

VPK INFORMATION: The State of Florida will pay in full the tuition for your child to attend 540 hours per year, as long as your child does not exceed 20% in absences in any given month. Children that exceed 20% absence will become private pay.

PART TIME PROGRAM

Children attending on a part time basis must attend on the same days each week unless a schedule change is approved through the office.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Before and After School children may have a flex schedule. The schedule must be turned in to the Business Manager in writing in advance.

We must be notified of any schedule changes for children arriving on the afternoon school bus. A \$3.00 fee will apply each time your child is not on the bus and we have not been notified.



PLEASE CALL IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ON THE AFTERNOON SCHOOL BUS.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Our summer program is available beginning the day after school finishes and ending the Friday before school starts for children of elementary age that have completed kindergarten through the sixth grade. It is available from July 1 for all emerging kindergarteners who have completed VPK at SHECC.

T-shirts are available in Youth Small through adult sizes. The before and after school group/summer group will be expected to wear this shirt on field trips.

First priority for placement in the Fall will be given to children with continuous attendance throughout the summer. If your child does not attend through the summer, there will be no guarantee of space when school begins; however, we will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

DROP- IN CARE

Drop in care may be provided for registered children only, and only if space is available. The daily rate applies to ANY child not registered for a scheduled day.

Parents must call to confirm that space is available.

FEES

REGISTRATION FEE

The Registration Fee is due annually on July 1st and is non-refundable. The current registration fee is \$75.00 per child or \$150.00 per family. ELC registration fee is \$35.00 per child or \$75.00 per family. Drop in registration fee is \$20.00 per child. The summer only registration fee is \$40.00 per summer, plus \$10.00 per t-shirt.

WEEKLY PAYMENTS

Your payment is due each Monday for the week in advance. There is no grace period for weekly billing. Unpaid balances are subject to finance charges at a rate of 18% per annum.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

The monthly payment will be due the first of each month and no later than the seventh for the month in advance. If payment is not made by the seventh, you will be switched to weekly billing/payments. Unpaid balances are subject to finance charges at a rate of 18% per annum.

RETURNED CHECK

If a tuition check is returned for non-sufficient funds, stop payment, or the like, a fee of \$30.00 will be charged, after which the Center can refuse any personal checks.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

If your tuition account is delinquent, your child may not attend until the account is current.

EXTENDED CARE

Extended care is from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm. For a fee of \$10.00 a week, per child, you can prearrange for your child/ren to attend. If extended care is not pre-arranged, a fee of \$3.00 per 5 minutes will apply. After 6:00, a fee of \$10.00 per 5 minutes will be charged. No discounts apply.

SCHOOL AGE

A flex schedule is available for Before and After School Children. The written schedule must be turned in to the Business Manager in advance.

Middle school before and after care is available for those children that have attended our center throughout elementary school.

FAMILY & PARISH MEMBERS RATES

Family rates apply when two or more non-subsidized children attend the same hours. The highest rate pays the regular rate. A 5% discount is given for the second highest rate, and 10% discount for the third highest rate.

Non-subsidized, registered and supporting members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church may receive an additional tuition credit of 5%. If you wish to receive this discount, please ask us for the parish membership verification form to be signed by the Pastor and the Director every June.

Rates are calculated on an adult to child ratio, NOT necessarily the age of the child.

Full tuition payments are due throughout the year, regardless of absences including, but not limited to vacation, illness, holidays, or weather closings.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PROCEDURES

For safety's sake, a parent or other authorized, responsible ADULT (Must be 18 years or older) must bring the child to the classroom and SIGN THEIR CHILD IN including a full signature and the time of drop off/pick up. SHECC WILL NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CHILD NOT SIGNED IN.

Please make every effort to have your child in their classroom no later than 9:30 a.m. If you are not able to have your child in their classroom by 9:30 a.m., please wait to bring him/her until after classroom nap time.

A child will only be released to the parent or guardian, unless we are given permission to release the child to a person cited on the "child's identification record" form. If a person is not listed on the child identification record form, a written note must be given to the teacher. Please remind the party picking up your child to bring with them photo identification (i.e., drivers license).

The Adult that picks up the child must acknowledge this by signing the "sign out sheet" in the classroom and must provide a valid photo id. All individuals with the responsibility of picking up and/or dropping off a child must present themselves in a mature, non-threatening manner. Appropriate dress and language are a must. Profanity on clothing or spoken verbally will not be tolerated.

If your child is having difficulty leaving you, give him a kiss and a hug and tell him you will be back soon to pick him up. Prolonged good-byes make it difficult for everyone. The teacher will be sure that your child feels comfortable. Call us later if you are concerned about your child's adjustment and we'll let you know how things are going.

ITEMS FROM HOME

Items which are appropriate to the monthly theme are always welcomed, as are books and CD's your child may wish to share with their class. Money, gum, candy, soda and/or toys are discouraged in the classroom. SHECC will not be held responsible for lost items. Car seats may be left at the center; however Sacred Heart will not be responsible for any damage or loss. Please label your car seat with your child's first and last name.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

It is the philosophy of SHECC to train the child in self-discipline by taking a positive approach. Children will be encouraged by the teacher to behave appropriately through the use of clear limits about acceptable social behavior and positive reinforcement techniques such as verbal praise and redirection.

For the safety of all the children, a child may be removed from the group to a quiet area to calm down if he/she becomes aggressive or disobedient. If a behavior problem persists, the parents will be notified and expected to work together with the teacher. It may be suggested that the child be involved in a behavior modification program, with the parent having the option of being involved in the process as well. Situations may arise where we ask for your approval to have an outside observation and assessment done.

Research suggest that biting may be a normal developmental phase for infants and toddlers. Parents of a child who is biting will be asked to meet with staff to discuss a plan to deter this behavior. Parents will be required to immediately pick up any child that bites more than one time in a day.

Parents and children are expected to abide by the policies of the center. The purposes of these policies are to protect the rights of the children, parents and the staff of our center. The safety of the children in our care is our first priority. Parents may be asked to remove a child from the program if:

- The child poses a threat to self, staff or other children in the program.
- The child behaves in a manner that is difficult to manage in a large group.
- The Director judges that the child can no longer function effectively in the program and/or the program cannot meet the child's needs.
- Habitual biting.

DRESS

All children (yes, even babies) will play outdoors everyday (weather permitting), as we believe the playground is an extension of the classroom. Accordingly, please dress your child in weather appropriate play clothes and rubber soled tennis shoes. Slick bottom cowboy boots, sandals and flip-flops are not permitted. A jacket is required for outdoor play on cold or damp days. Daily activities include active and messy play, and the children should feel comfortable enough to enjoy themselves without worrying about their clothes. All children will need to have on hand two changes of clothing for emergencies. The child's first and last name should be placed on all clothing and other belongings (diaper bags, lunch boxes, back packs, etc.) to help ensure the return of possessions and clothes.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

SHECC usually follows the public and Catholic School's emergency closing procedures. If school is closed or dismissed early because of weather conditions, SHECC may close at the same time. Listen to the local radio or television station for early closing information. We will advise by instant alert. Please make sure all of your information is up to date.

HEALTH INFORMATION

For the safety and health of your child, children who are ill may not be brought to the Center. The Florida Department of Health requires that any child who is suspected of having a communicable disease or who develops a fever or other symptoms which include, *but are not limited to, any of the following*: Diarrhea, Rash, Pink Eye or Skin Infection shall be removed from the facility immediately. This prevents the other children from exposure. If you are unable to pick-up your child with-in the hour, we must have an alternative contact number.

Such children shall not return to the child care facility until the signs and symptoms are no longer present for a minimum of 24 hours, (or longer if the doctor advises)

If a child is sent home with lice, they cannot return to SHECC until they are properly treated and ALL the nits have been removed.

MEDICATION POLICY

Administering medication is a **very serious responsibility** and best left to the parents at home. **Whenever possible, please ask your physician to prescribe medication that can be administered before they arrive and after they leave our center**

ALL medication must be consistently administered by a designated staff member. ONLY current prescription medication will be administered. It must be in the original container with the name of the physician, child's name and medication directions written on the label. An "authorization for medication" form signed by the parent must accompany each prescribed medication.

Medication along with the Authorization for Medication form should be given to your child's teacher or taken to the front office. Medication should be picked up in the front office at the end of the day. No medication (including Tylenol, etc.) may be left in diaper bags, back packs, lunch boxes, etc. If your child is prone to allergic reactions, please provide the necessary medication and authorization form.

Sun block and chap stick are considered medication. If you wish for your child to have sun block and/or chap stick applied during the summer months, please provide their teacher with a completed Authorization for Medication form, as well as the product to be applied. Parents should apply the product in the morning and the teachers will re-apply the product in the afternoon before outdoor play times.

SNACKS/LUNCH

We strive to serve snacks that enhance your child's meals. We ask all parents to provide one snack per month for their child's class. Please avoid candy, Hawaiian punch, cool aid, etc. (except on special occasions). In addition, some of these classes provide a cooking experience/food preparation activity. Items for these activities are also requested. Please remember: In the event a child at our Center is allergic to peanuts, we will become a peanut free environment. One staff has a severe allergy to watermelon. If you send this for snack, please inform our staff immediately so this teacher does not go into that classroom.

Suggestions are:

Graham crackers, Fresh fruit, Saltines, Celery, Bread or toast, Animal crackers, Muffins, Cheerios, Cheese Crackers, Raw vegetables, Raisins (age 3 & up), Apple sauce (any fruit), Cheese, etc...

Breakfast is an important meal, so please provide this for your child at home. We do not have facilities or available staff to serve breakfast. Please **DO NOT** send breakfast food with your child in the morning. We will provide a morning & afternoon snack as well as a beverage (milk, juice or water) with their lunch, morning snack and afternoon snack.

All children will need to bring a lunch if staying all day. Please have all lunches ready to eat. We cannot leave the other children to heat or prepare lunch for any child. The small thermos containers work well for hot or cold foods. Please make sure that lunches include a protein, fresh fruit and/or vegetables and offer a variety of taste, textures and colors. You may find additional nutrition information and meal suggestions at www.myplate.gov.

WAITING LIST POLICY

In order to be placed on our waiting list, a completed registration form and registration fee must be received (\$75.00 per child or \$150.00 per family). This will be applicable until a space is available for your child. No verbal requests will be accepted for placement on the waiting list.

WITHDRAWAL

If a child is withdrawn from SHECC, a *minimum of two weeks* written notice is required so that the vacancy can be filled by another child. All tuition fees are due up to that date.

BE AN INVOLVED PARENT

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

This booklet has been supplied in an effort to answer many of your questions. Please contact your child's regular teacher or the director if you have questions or concerns.

Parents are informed of the activities of SHECC through newsletters, notices and signs posted throughout the Center. SHECC also uses the REMIND APP. Please see the APP Instructional flyer included in your registration packet. From time to time we will be offering informative programs for parents and children, programs put on by the children, family picnics, special luncheons and a covered dish dinner. It is requested that parents make a special effort to attend as many of these functions as possible. Your attendance gives your child the extra support they need. During December, we have our Parent Appreciation Night and provide free child care during one evening so parents can shop for Christmas, or just relax.

Please do not ask teachers to talk with you during class time. They will be happy to schedule a conference to discuss any concerns regarding your child. Close cooperation and understanding between parents and our staff is essential to providing a safe and wholesome experience for all of our children. We have an open door policy. Parents are encouraged to visit SHECC at any time or have lunch with the child.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Our fund-raising activities help provide a necessary source of extra funds for the center. These extra funds help keep the tuition as low as possible. We ask that each family please commit to support the center by volunteering Ten Hours at our fundraising events or by raising \$100.00 through fundraising activities. Events that are held annually are: A Spring and Fall photo session; a Fall book fair; Cookie-Dough Fundraiser, a basket fundraiser, Kumquat Festival, and "Lenten Fish Fry's". Others may be scheduled throughout the year.

Many of these not only raise funds for the child care center, they allow us to reach out into our parish community and the surrounding community. Developing a spirit of community is a very important aspect of our mission. Your support is very important to us.

CLASSROOM PARENT

We ask that each class have one volunteer parent that will share news and solicit parental help for fund raisers, family events, parent information nights, and other important events. Through their involvement, these parents help SHECC be the best early childhood program. If you are interested in fulfilling this important role in your child's class, please talk to your child's teacher.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

A very important part of SHECC's curriculum is exposing the children to many and varied experiences within the community; therefore a number of special activities are built into the preschool year. Parents will be informed of special activities in advance through newsletters, flyers and/or permission form sent home for each activity. We encourage parents to join us for our special activities. If you do not want your child to attend a special activity, you may need to make other arrangements for the care of your child for this day.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.

If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.

If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame,
He learns guilt.

If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with praise,
He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.

If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance
and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.