

What is
PROHIBITED In
the Classroom?

Prohibited

- “Ditto” sheets
- Poisonous plants
- Tall Shelving with materials hanging over the edges
- Sharp edges
- Pop/Chips/Coffee, etc. in the classroom
- Purses not locked away
- Teaching staff/children walking barefoot in the classroom
- Cleaning with harmful materials while children are present

What “Ditto” Sheets Do Not Do:

- They do not allow children to be creative
- Do not allow use of all of the five senses: smell, touch, see, hear, and/or taste
- **EXAMPLE: Apple “ditto” sheet vs. real apples**
- They do not extend the thinking process

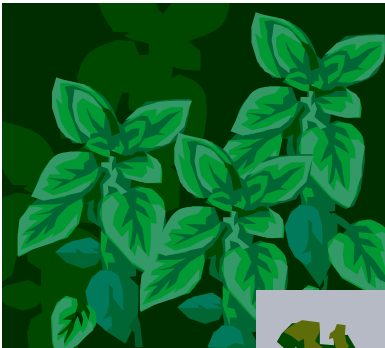
How Do Children Learn?

- *Individual Expression:
Children can use art materials in their own creative way. In doing this, children are free to express their own ideas, using the skills that they currently possess.

- *No Individual Expression:
Children are not given the opportunity to select the subject matter to be used in an art activity or use their own ideas in creating the product.

Poisonous Plants

- How can I tell if it's poisonous or not?



- Use your computer/encyclopedia to look up the type of plant to ensure of it's not being poisonous

Shelving Should Be:

- Short enough to be able to get a visual on ALL areas of the classroom
- Not so full of materials that children have a problem getting what they want out
- Free of materials hanging over the top of the shelf to cause an injury to the children attempting to get materials out of the shelves

**Sharp Edges Can
be Found
EVERYWHERE!**

You, as the
Teacher/Teacher
Assistant have to
be the one to look
to find these sharp
edges before your
children do!

- Shelving
- Toys
- Bathroom
- Desks
- Chairs
- Playground
- Cubbies
- Any Center/Anytime

Why Not?

- What are you telling children if they see you with pop, chips, candy, or cookies?
- Is this setting a good, healthy example?
- Coffee is hot! What could happen?

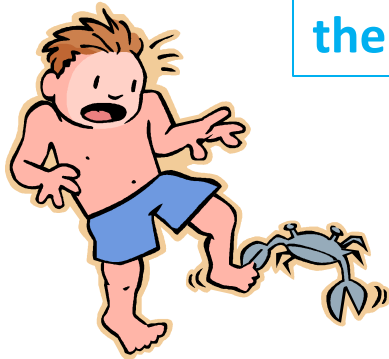
Instead:

- Drink water *If a child asks for some, he/she may have it

Why Should My Purse Be Locked Up?

- If children have access to your purse, they have access to all of your meds and personal items.
- The children/adults in the classroom could trip on the strap or the bag itself.
- You will have visitors throughout the day and you do not know their intentions. Someone may see your purse then be tempted.

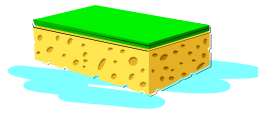
What Can Happen if We're Barefoot in the Classroom?



- Spreading of germs/diseases
- Unsanitary
- Bump, cut, or damage toes/feet
- What about during fire and tornado drills? These are usually unexpected.

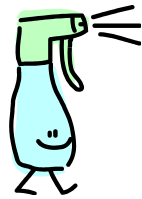
Cleaning While Children Are Present

Use damp paper towels,
cleaning cloths, or wipes



Only clean small spills with
paper towels....save
mopping until children are
out of the area

Tip: Cleaning While Children Aren't Present:



Remember: $\frac{1}{2}$
capful of Clorox per
gallon of water