



DISCIPLINE POLICY

Discipline at our Center will be carried out in a constructive manner. We believe that children learn positive behavior best through example, verbal explanation and guidance. Children will not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, frightening, or associated with food, rest or toileting. All childcare personnel are prohibited from spanking or any other form of physical punishment. Classrooms are structured in order to promote positive behaviors and to create an atmosphere that is orderly and conducive to learning. The guidelines are as follows:

Toddlers (12 - 24 months)

At the toddler age, we use discipline as a positive form of guidance. We discipline by redirecting the child to a different activity, positively reinforcing behaviors we want, and firm counseling when necessary. Removal from the group or situation is used as a last resort to prevent injuries and protect all children. A phone call to parents will be necessary in order to report incidents such as biting.

Two (2) and Three (3) Year Olds

Positive reinforcement and structure are used to create the behaviors we want to see. We use clear, simple language to explain the consequences and give them age-appropriate choices. Children are purposefully taught how to solve conflicts using words. A loss of privileges will be used to redirect behavior. Removal from the group or situation is used as a last resort to prevent injuries and protect all children. A phone call to parents will be necessary in order to report incidents that are violent. If a behavior is too disruptive or involves violence a parent may have to come and pick their child up and have a conference.

Pre-K (4-5 Year Olds)

Positive Reinforcement and classroom structure are used to create the behaviors we want to see. Classroom expectations are clearly taught. Age-appropriate choices are given to help prevent problems. Having the child explain the consequences of his/her behavior and taking responsibility for their action is helpful in guiding children to make appropriate choices. Children are encouraged to use their skills to solve their own problems by using their words and actions. This is a life skill that is important to reinforce. Provide interesting age-appropriate activities alleviates many problems. A loss of privileges will be used to redirect behavior. If these do not produce desired results, removal from the situation may be required. "Prayer Time and a trip to the Director's office are used as a last resort with the age-appropriate duration of time. A phone call to parents will be necessary in order to report incidents that are violent. If a behavior is too disruptive or involves violence a parent may have to come and pick their child up and have a conference.

I understand the discipline policy for my child at SPC Preschool. I understand that if my child's behavior is disruptive to the learning process and safety of other children, they will no longer be allowed to attend SPC Preschool.

Parents Signature

Date

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22.6

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