

Discipline and Behavior Management Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, Mud Creek Christian School will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy:

We:

1. DO praise, reward and encourage the children.
2. DO reason with and set limits for the children.
3. DO model appropriate behavior for the children.
4. DO modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
5. DO listen to the children.
6. DO provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior to the children.
7. DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behaviors.
8. DO treat the children as people and respect their needs, desires and feelings.
9. DO ignore minor misbehaviors.
10. DO explain things to children on their levels.
11. DO use short supervised periods of "time-out" when necessary.
12. DO stay consistent in our behavior management program.

We:

1. DO NOT spank, shake, bite, pinch, push, pull, slap, or otherwise physically punish the children.
2. DO NOT make fun of, yell at, threaten, make sarcastic remarks about, use profanity, or otherwise verbally abuse the children.
3. DO NOT shame or punish the children when bathroom accidents occur.
4. DO NOT deny food or rest as punishment.
5. DO NOT relate discipline to eating, resting, or sleeping.
6. DO NOT leave the children alone, unattended, or without supervision.
7. DO NOT place the children in locked rooms, closets or boxes as punishment.
8. DO NOT allow discipline of children by children.
9. DO NOT criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children's parents, families or ethnic groups.

I, the parent or guardian of (child's name) _____ do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the Discipline and Behavior Management Policy and that the director or designee has discussed the Discipline and Behavior Management Policy with me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Enrollment year: _____

(This form is included in the packet of forms required for signature and return).

Adapted from the Discipline and Behavior Management Policy, *Child Care Handbook*, State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development, January 2004.