



MONTESSORI ONE PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

GUIDANCE/DISCIPLINE POLICY

According to the State, discipline includes positive guidance, redirection, and clear limits that encourage the child's ability to become self-disciplined. Positive discipline may include brief, supervised separation from the group or withdrawal of special privileges such as playtime with other children.

Prohibited disciplinary practices are:

1. Physical punishment of any type.
2. Withdrawal of food, rest or bathroom access.
3. Abusive or profane language including yelling.
4. Any form of public or private humiliation including threats of physical punishment.
5. Unsupervised isolation and/or separation of a child.
6. Any other type of punishment that is hazardous to the physical, emotional or mental health of the child.

We at Montessori ONE believe and practice positive discipline. Children have liberty within limits; the limits being that their actions are not interfering with the rights of other individuals or the group. If a child misbehaves, he/she is issued a gentle warning. We ask the child to repeat what we said to make sure the child understands us. If the behavior continues, the child is removed from the situation in order to calm the child and allow time for the child to reflect upon his/her actions. If this still isn't sufficient, a note will be sent home and a meeting will be arranged with parents.

We moderate disputes between children so each child can understand the point of view of the other. The techniques of redirection and refocusing are used so the child can focus on something other than the problem. Logical and natural consequences are discussed with the child as well. We also take the time to listen to the child's fears, worries and problems. We also speak to children privately. We remain firm but loving. Mutual respect, cooperation, responsibility, high self-esteem, self-control and rational communication are the goals we seek.

Intentional defacement of school property, cursing, hitting, kicking or biting are behaviors that we do not tolerate. A child who exhibits violent behavior which endangers the physical and emotional welfare of others will face suspension for the day. In cases such as this, you will be called and asked to pick up your child immediately. Depending upon the circumstances, the student may be required to stay home for one or two days. If a child's behavior still does not improve, the child will be placed on "probation" before being dismissed (**Montessori ONE reserves the right to expel a child at any time if negative and/or violent behavior continues**).

I, parent of _____ have been provided with a copy of the Parent Handbook and have read and understand Montessori ONE Preschool Academy's discipline and guidance policy.

Parent's signature

Date

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***Please read, sign, date and return for student file.**