

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive 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, Grace Church School will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy:

WE DO:

- DO praise, reward and encourage children.
- DO reason with and set limits for the children.
- DO model appropriate behavior for the children.
- DO modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
- DO listen to the children.
- DO provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior to the children.
- DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behaviors.
- DO treat the children as people and respect their needs, desires and feelings.
- DO ignore minor misbehaviors.
- DO explain things to children on their level.
- DO use short supervised periods of "Time-out." (1 minute per year of age)
- DO stay consistent in our behavior management program.

WE DO NOT:

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

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ (child's full name), do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of Grace Church School's Discipline and Behavior Management Policy. I state that I am in agreement with this policy and support the staff of Grace Church School in their enforcement of this policy.

Date of Child's enrollment: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____