



GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL

Discipline and Behavior Management Policy

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:

1. DO praise, reward and encourage 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 level.
11. DO use short supervised periods of "Time-out."
(1 minute per year of age)
12. DO stay consistent in our behavior management program.

WE DO NOT:

1. DO NOT spank, shake, bite, pinch, push, 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 rests 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 punishments.
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 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: _____