



Our Approach to Discipline

Methodist Nursery School provides a positive, supportive learning environment for children as they gain independence, develop self-control, and learn to use appropriate social behaviors.

When a child's behavior is unacceptable, MNS staff will:

- Set clear behavioral expectations and limits so children understand simple guidelines for keeping themselves and others safe.
- Use positive guidance by acknowledging children's feelings or wants and encouraging the child to problem solve the situation. If the child cannot resolve the situation, the teacher will facilitate.
- Redirect the child to another toy or different activity elsewhere.
- Encourage and model positive behavior and provide positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior.
- Provide children with appropriate words and phrases to use to better express themselves during conflict situations.
- Remove the child to a quiet area in the classroom or another room for a brief time to reset their unsafe or consistently inappropriate behavior and choices. Child will be continuously supervised by MNS staff.
- Communicate with parents when staff observes a pattern of disruptive and/or unsafe behavior.

MNS staff abstains from abusive and neglectful treatment and corporal punishment such as: spanking, slapping, pinching, shaking and striking children or other humiliating or frightening discipline techniques. Staff will not physically restrain a child unless it is necessary to protect the safety or health of the child or others. The removal of the child from the classroom to another room may be necessary after repeated warnings and until the child is able to regain self-composure and self-control. If the child is unable to regain self-control, a parent may be called to take the child home for the remainder of the school day. The child would be welcome to return the following day.

I have read and discussed the terms of the above discipline policy.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____