

CHILD GUIDANCE POLICY

Discovery will provide positive and consistent guidance to children based on their individual needs and development. Discovery staff along with the children have developed the following rules. The purpose of these rules is not to restrict the right of the child but to define them. We ask for the help of all parents in consistently supporting the rules listed below:

- * Be friendly
- * Follow directions
- * Speak softly (when inside school building)
- * Walk slowly (when inside school building)
- * Ask for whatever you want or need
- * Share the toys and games
- * Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- * Play safely

Discovery Preschool will direct child guidance to the goal of maximizing the growth and development of all children and protecting the group and individuals within it. Our goals:

- * To be safe with themselves and with others
- * To feel good about themselves
- * To develop self-control and good coping skills
- * To appropriately express their feelings
- * To become more independent
- * To balance their needs and wants with those of others
- * To learn new problem solving skills, including non-violent conflict resolution
- * To learn about conservation - to use equipment, materials and other resources in caring, appropriate ways.

Discovery will never:

- * Discipline a child for soiling, wetting or not using the toilet; forcing a child to remain in soiled clothing or to remain on the toilet, or using any other unusual or excessive practices for toileting
- * Spanking or other corporal punishment of children
- * Subjecting children to cruel or severe punishment such as humiliation, verbal or physical abuse, neglect or abusive treatment including any type of physical hitting inflicted in any manner upon the body, shaking, threats or derogatory remarks.
- * Deprive children of outdoor time, meals or snacks: force feeding children or otherwise making them eat against their will, or in any way using food as a consequence
- * Confining a child to a piece of equipment for an extended period of time in lieu of supervision
- * Excessive time out (time out may not exceed 1 minute for each year of the child's age and will take place within a staff's view

Unacceptable behavior(will be documented and placed in child's folder) is handled by the following methods:

- * Encouraging self-control and using positive child guidance techniques such as recognizing and reinforcing children's appropriate behaviors, having reasonable and positive expectations, setting clear and consistent limits, and redirecting
- * Helping children learn social, communication, and emotional regulation skills they can use in place of challenging behaviors
- * Using environments modifications, activity modifications, adult or peer support, and other teaching strategies to encourage appropriate behavior and prevent challenging behaviors
- * Intervening quickly when children are physically aggressive with one another and helping them develop more positive strategies for resolving conflict
- * Explaining rules and procedures and the reasons for them
- * Discuss behavior management technique among staff and families to promote consistency

Discovery Preschool will communicate to the child in a manner consistent with the child's ability to understand