

# **DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY**

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Positive reinforcement, redirection and modeling are effective methods of behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self discipline.

Montessori Country Day believes in natural and logical consequences as opposed to punishment. Conflict resolution and respect for the environment are also important aspects of our approach. It is one of our ultimate goals that our children do the right thing, not because they will be punished if they don't but because they don't want to adversely affect the people and world around them. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, Montessori Country Day will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy:

## **WE:**

- DO offer positive suggestions and encourage the children
- DO reason with and set limits for the children
- DO model appropriate behavior for the children
- DO modify the classroom environment in attempt to prevent problems before they occur
- DO listen to the children
- DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behavior
- DO ignore minor misbehaviors
- DO explain things to children on their levels
- DO use methods of redirection to encourage appropriate behavior
- DO treat children as people and respect their needs, desires and feelings
- DO provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior
- DO stay consistent in our behavior management policies
- DO use effective guidance and behavior management techniques that focus on child development

## **WE:**

- DO NOT handle children roughly in any way
- DO NOT make sarcastic remarks, make fun of, yell at, threaten, shame, humiliate, frighten, bully or otherwise abuse children
- DO NOT shame or punish for bathroom accidents
- DO NOT relate discipline to eating, resting, or sleeping
- DO NOT leave children alone, unattended, or without supervision
- DO NOT allow discipline by other children
- DO NOT use physical activity as punishment nor do we withhold physical activity for punishment
- DO NOT criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children's parents, families, or ethnic groups.
- DO NOT assign chores that require contact with or use hazardous materials
- DO NOT restrain children unless the child's safety or the safety of others is at risk