

Little Lambs Behavior Guidance Procedures

In a Christian environment, the child will be taught to treat all people with mutual respect and love. The child will be assured of constant love, acceptance, and forgiveness, while he/she is made aware of his/her good choices and bad choices and their consequences. Teachers will alert parents/guardians when troublesome misbehavior occurs. Through the example of God's love and forgiveness, children can learn to forgive each other and themselves, learn from their mistakes, and begin to make better choices in the future.

The staff of Little Lambs Preschool recognizes that many discipline problems can be prevented. We feel many potential problems will not occur at our school due to careful scheduling of the day, appropriate expectations of individual children, the use of positive communication techniques, and structuring of the classroom environment.

Appropriate child behavior is encouraged through positive reinforcement, encouragement, and modeling. In spite of all we do, inappropriate behavior sometimes does happen, but it is discouraged through;

- Structuring the environment
- Redirecting children's behavior-perhaps repeatedly
- Appropriate "time out" management (separating the child from others, but within view of the teacher in order to give the child time to collect himself/herself and think over the rules.)
- Following through- consistency is important
- Immediate response to behavior

Our staff avoids the use of negative discipline practices such as yelling at, and/or, embarrassing the child. Negative practices do not teach a child what is appropriate, do not change behavior in the long term, and may harm the relationship between the teacher and child.

Our staff agrees that children must be disciplined in a respectful and constructive manner. Children must not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, or frightening. Discipline must not be associated with food, rest or toileting. Spanking, shaking, or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.

Discipline Procedure for Ongoing Behavior Issues

If there is an ongoing behavior issue for example, willful disobedience, physical aggression towards classmates/teachers or bullying the following procedures will be used:

1. A written behavior report will be sent home. This report will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and return to school the next day.
2. The child will be removed from an area or situation temporarily and parents will be contacted.
3. The teacher and/or the administrator will meet with parents to discuss the ongoing behavior issue and come up with a behavior management plan.
4. If the behavior continues after previous steps were taken the teacher, parents and administrator will meet with the Ministry of Education to determine the next step for the student. The next step could include removal from Little Lambs Preschool if it is determined that it is the best way to keep students and teachers safe.