

WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL CHILD DISCIPLINE POLICY

The word 'discipline' comes from Latin, indicating "one who is learning". We all come under discipline for we are all 'disciples' and continually learning. Together we are on a spiritual quest learning what it means to be a child of God and how to realize our greatest potential in a creative loving way.

In helping our children to know that they are precious children of a loving God, we strive to remain mindful of separating the child from the behavior. We believe that all children are inherently good, however there are behaviors that can be unacceptable. We follow "Love & Logic" principles as well as "Say What You See" techniques to communicate with children. We also follow these guidelines:

- Expect the best. Positive expectations can be transformative.
- Our intention is to interact with courtesy and respect toward each other to preserve each other's sense of dignity. We wish to cultivate a culture of peace, harmony and cooperation with kind thoughts, words and actions.
- Toddlers often require redirection when behavior is inappropriate.
- We seek to have open and honest communication between parents, staff and children about any challenges we may experience with a child's behavior while under our supervision.
- We strive to prevent undesirable behaviors by communicating clear expectations, offering choices to share control, engaging children in creative ways, using movement when appropriate, and empowering them with responsibilities.
- We lovingly guide each child to make appropriate choices by modeling desired behaviors, active listening and reasoning with them as much as possible.
- We believe that a child has a right to opt out of any activity they choose as long as the rest of the class is able to continue without disruption.
- When a child exhibits undesirable behavior, the teacher may choose to correct the behavior by having a private conversation with the child, asking the child to take a timeout "pause", to work one-on-one with the child, or asking the child to make better choice. Each child and situation is unique, hence the variety of responses.
- We seek to guide the children's behavior gently, firmly, and lovingly. We endeavor to convey classroom rules with consistency, common sense and caring for the highest good for all, so that each child can consciously agree with others to support the rules which allow for safety, spiritual growth and self esteem.
- Our goal is to have children who will grow up to make a positive difference in this world! We encourage parents to join us in this goal by using these practices at home. 