## **His Kids Daycare & Learning Center**

## **Disciplinary Procedures & Policies**

Proverbs 10:17 tells us "He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray."

It is our desire our students be salt and light in the world, showing the way to live and not to lead others astray!

## **Discipline Procedures & Policies**

A very important part of the preschool experience is helping children learn how to get along in the world, enjoy being with other children, and follow the direction of an adult other than their parent. A caring and positive approach will be taken regarding behavior management and discipline. The teachers will focus on the positive behaviors of the children and reinforce those behaviors as often as possible. Our goal is to help the children develop self-control and responsibility for their actions.

Our discipline procedure will consist of the following strategies:

- 1. Encouraging children to use their words when having a disagreement with another child. Facilitating children in their attempts to settle their own disputes.
- 2. Redirecting behavior when this seems potentially effective.
- 3. Separating a child from the group (Time-Out) one minute away for each year of age.
- 4. Counseling children individually about their behaviors.
- 5. Making parents aware of disciplinary concerns (Incident Report).

Disruptive behavior distracts from the full benefit of the preschool program and will result in consequences. The following behaviors are considered disruptive:

- Requires constant attention from the staff
- Inflicts physical or emotional harm on other children, adults, or self
- Disrespects people and materials provided in the program
- Consistently disobeys the rules of the classroom
- Verbally threatens other students and/or staff
- Uses verbal or physical activity that diverts attention away from the group of children

## **Discipline Procedures for Disruptive Behavior:**

- Disruptive behavior will be addressed in an Incident Report. This will be completed to document any inappropriate behaviors that directly impact other children, staff members, or the group as a whole. This report will be shared with the parent and will explain the behavior and how the behavior has affected others. It will also explain how the situation was resolved. The Incident Report will be placed in the child's folder after signed by a parent.
- If a child has difficulty managing his/her behavior on a recurring basis, parents will be asked to meet with the child's teacher and Director.
- If the child's behavior continues to be inappropriate, consistently disruptive, and/or dangerous, it may be necessary for the child to be sent home for a time to be determined, or removed from the program altogether.

Children cannot become self-disciplined unless adults teach them right from wrong. At His Kids Daycare and Learning Center, children will be taught the expectations for correct behavior and encouraged to live and act accordingly. When children know something is wrong, and choose to do it anyway, consequences will follow to communicate that the behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in our school. This is in line with God's relationship to us. He has given us His Word so that we may know how to live, and He has promised to discipline us if we belong to Him. (Proverbs 3:11-12 "My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.")