

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & DISCIPLINE

Parents are ultimately responsible for their own children. Build each other up and be friends! There must not be any un"Christ-like" vocabulary, name calling, put-downs, making fun, pretending to shoot or stab people, hitting, poking, kicking, etc.

RESPECT: All co-op participants are to be treated with courtesy and respect.

- Children should address adults with proper titles of respect: Mr., Mrs., or Miss, as is appropriate and agreeable to the adult.
- Children should be respectful to both teachers and classmates. In class students should be quiet and attentive, raising their hand if they wish to speak.

3-Step Process of Discipline for dealing with disrespect in the classroom:

1. Verbal warning from teacher to student. (If this is not effective, then proceed to #2.)
2. Separation from the "issue." (If this is not effective, then proceed immediately to #3.)
Example: Have the student switch seats or sit at a table by him/herself
3. Teacher or Assistant will take the child to his/her parent.

If the issue is not resolved between teacher and parent, then Leadership will become involved. If the child has to be removed from the classroom 3 times during a semester, he/she will be excused from coming back the remainder of the semester, and will be up for review for the following semester.

MODESTY: If in doubt about an outfit, please don't wear it!

- No exposed midriffs, low cut shirts, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or see-through clothing.
- No undergarments showing (bras/panties/underwear/boxers)
- No clothing with rebellious, profane, or occult symbolism.
- No hats.
- Skirts must be knee-length or longer.

A student who doesn't comply will be required to change clothing. A second violation will result in the student being sent home.

SAFETY:

- Absolutely no running in the building.
- Please limit the use of the elevator. Children are not permitted to use the elevator unless accompanied by their parent.
- Students may not spend time alone, in a closed room, with other students or teachers. (The exception is potty-training children.)
- Students are not permitted to use electronic* devices at co-op. Adults should limit the use of devices to those activities that are absolutely necessary to conduct class.

- Weapons*, such as pocket knives or any other device that could cause harm, are not permitted at co-op.

*A student who does not comply will have the electronic device/weapon immediately confiscated. It will be returned to his/her parent only.

CAUSING HARM:

If a preschool child is bitten or pinched by another preschool child, an incident report will be filled out and parents will be notified when picking up their child. If the problem occurs on 3 different co-op days, then the parent will be asked to find another sitter off-site for the child during co-op hours until the problem has resolved.

If the welfare of a child is in danger in any way, the teacher will forego the above 3-step Process of Discipline and immediately involve the parent of the child causing the harm. Leadership will make the decision (based on what happened) whether or not the student is allowed to finish out the remaining days of co-op for that semester. They will also be up for review for the following semester.

Assisting parents in their "right and duty to educate their children" (CCC 2221) as we support and nurture community.