

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Montessori discipline is an inner discipline - control which the child develops over his own behavior, through his interest in the Montessori materials, positive social orientation and in caring for both materials and individuals.

However, in order to comply with regulations set by the Arkansas Department of Human Services/Division of Children & Family Services, we have set forth the following discipline guidelines:

- Rules are stated on the child's first day of school. Daily reminders are given to the group as a whole.
- Inappropriate behavior is stopped by teacher or assistant/aide.
- If possible, work/activity is offered as preferable to isolation if the child appears to be 'in control'. However, if the child needs to regain control, he is isolated from work/classroom activities for 'timeout'. When it is time to rejoin the class, the child is reminded of what behavior is expected of him. (The child may indicate to the teacher/aide when he feels he is back 'in control'.
- For continued misbehavior, the child is isolated from the class with adult supervision. The adult may need to keep the child with him for an extended period of time.
- Parent will be called to discuss child's continued unacceptable behavior.
- Parent will be called to take child home immediately.

Policy on biting: Biting is 'normal' behavior for some toddlers. Toddler bites are not intentional. Our staff supervises very closely at all times. Everything possible is done to keep all the children at our school safe and secure. Just as falls and other minor mishaps cannot be prevented, all bites cannot be prevented. Injury reports are completed on all bites that leave a mark. Comfort and attention is directed to the child who has been bitten. The parents of the children involved are informed of the incident. Parents who have further questions about biting are invited to discuss the matter with our Director.

Please sign where indicated, confirming you have read the above. This signed document will be kept in your child's file.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

Parent's/guardian's signature _____ Date _____