

BEHAVIOR GUIDANCE POLICY

Our Savior Pre-school's goal in behavior guidance is to teach children how to control their own behavior. In order to do this we have developed a curriculum and classroom that will meet their developmental needs. We have provided a large area with many choices to reduce conflict. However, children often need to learn new rules when they are in a group setting. The children will learn from examples in discussion and in stories how they are expected to behave in the classroom. When undesirable behavior occurs the child will be spoken to privately. The rules will be reviewed individually and the child will be given choices on how to correct his/her behavior. The child will then be allowed to continue his/her play. Any consequences of the unacceptable behavior will be directly related to that behavior. For example, a child who is throwing toys will have to pick up the toys and will be given the choice of playing with them without throwing them or not playing with them.

Safety of the child and the other children will always be the first issue. If a child is endangering himself or others, then the child will be removed to a different part of the room that is within sight and hearing of the teacher. The child will be permitted to come back as soon as he/she agrees to stop the behavior. The children will always be told what behavior is unacceptable and why. The child will never be left alone. All periods of separation will be documented by the teacher including the circumstances surrounding the incident, what other forms of guidance were tried before separation, and the time and duration of separation. By law, if the child is separated more than three times in a day or five times in a week or eight times in two weeks, the parent will be notified in writing. In this case, the parent and teacher will discuss and agree upon how the behavior should be dealt with. This will be in writing and will require that the teacher will observe and record the behavior of the child and how the teacher responds to it.

The separation report will be kept on file in the classroom. It will be kept confidential. Only the teacher/director will have access to it. Parents will only have access to their own child's records.

Remember, our goal is to teach the children how to lead the life of a Loving Christian and this includes teaching them how to treat others and to take care of their environment, whether it is home, school, or community.

I/We have read and agree to the Behavior Guidance Policy at Our Savior Preschool.

I/We understand that we will be notified in the event that our child's behavior has become a problem in the classroom and needs to be addressed.

Parent/Guardians Signature