



Peppermint Patti's Academy



Guidance Policy

A certain amount of guidance and limit setting is necessary in any early childhood program. Limits are necessary to maintain safety, protect health & guard the rights of others. The guidance method stressed at Peppermint Patti's Academy is positive redirection. Instead of telling children what they may not do, we tell them what they may do for example, the words "Don't run" are rephased into "Please walk". The focus is on the positive, rather than on the negative. This method coupled with "limit setting" (explaining what the rules are and offering choices which will determine consequences) is extremely effective with children. Children count on the wisdom of adults to set reasonable limits for them.

Occasionally, Children are non-responsive to positive redirection. In this case, the behavior will be handled with a "safe space time solution. The Safe Space: period allowed the child to reflection their action sand determine how they can change their behavior in the future. The duration of the "Safe Space "is at the discretion of the childcare staff- not longer than the child's age in minutes.

Behavior Policy

For continuing behavior problems or more serious situations, a written discipline report will be prepared by the childcare staff, signed by the parents and keep in the child's file. If a child continues to display negative behavior, a conference will be scheduled between the parents, the child and director.

Parent may request a conference any time they feel one is needed. If the child receives three written disciplines notices, they will be suspended from the preschool for one to three days. Any form of corporal punishment is prohibited. Further discipline problems will result in the child's expulsion from the program for disruptive or injurious reasons. The director may deem it necessary to have you pick up your child when this occurs.

Our long-term goal in guiding behavior is to support children's in their development of self-control and self-direction. Above all, we wish to enhance and promote their self-esteem and positive self-image.

I have received, read and understand Peppermint Patti's Academy Guidance and Behavior Policy. (Please check the box)

(Child's Name)

(Parent Printed Name)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)