



PRE-SCHOOL BEHAVIOR POLICIES

All Highpoint students are expected to abide by the Rules & Regulations stated in our INFORMATION MANUAL FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS. Students are expected to behave in a manner appropriate for their age group and environment. Appropriate behavior is encouraged through the use of positive reinforcement and fair consequences for poor choices. Teachers will work cooperatively with Parents to assure a smooth transition to the education process and to make sure that students learn and grow emotionally as well as academically.

ACTIONS TAKEN WHEN A CHILD IS NOT BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY OR IS BEING DISRUPTIVE:

- 🍎 Immediately after the child misbehaves or fails to abide by a particular rule, the Teacher will speak to the child and ask him/her if he/she is aware of what they did wrong. Child may be asked to apologize. Teacher will utilize various strategies to avoid repetitive behavior. Consequences described below may be applied.
- 🍎 In cases of continuous misbehavior or acts of aggression, bullying, harassment or destruction to property, Teacher will log details of the incident, inform the Dean of Students and/or a member of the Administration. Parents will be notified via phone call, e-mail or note. A decision will then be made with regard to consequences.
- 🍎 Child may also be taken to the Principal's Office and if necessary, Parents may be called for a staffing with the Principal, Teacher and/or Dean.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 🍎 Child may be placed on "quiet time" in the "thinking chair" INSIDE the classroom for a maximum time of minutes that matches the child's age.
- 🍎 Teacher may notify Dean of Students in order to report behavior and/or conflict. Student will be given either a warning or a consequence; (depending on incident.)
- 🍎 Child may lose the privilege of outdoor or indoor playtime.
- 🍎 Child may be sent to the Principal's Office.
- 🍎 A Pre-School student may be asked to withdraw from the school if their actions, conduct or behavior poses a threat to themselves or to others.

TEACHERS UNDERSTAND THAT:

- 🍎 They are encouraged to use as much "positive reinforcement" as possible.
- 🍎 All forms of physical, verbal or emotional type of abuse is strictly prohibited.
- 🍎 Children cannot be disciplined by taking away their food or snacks.
- 🍎 Children cannot be used as negative examples in front of other children.
- 🍎 Children must be reprimanded in a respectful manner and cannot be compared to each other.
- 🍎 Negative or derogatory words cannot be applied to a child.
- 🍎 Teachers will maintain low and controlled voices and will speak tenderly and lovingly to children.
- 🍎 Teachers shall communicate with Parents as often as possible.

NOTES:

Teachers have the option of sending home BEHAVIOR REPORTS weekly or daily when necessary. Age-appropriate incidents of misbehavior will not necessarily be reported to Parents on a daily basis. Incidents of serious unacceptable misbehavior will be reported to Parents and will be documented in writing, detailing date, time and details regarding the incident.

WE ENCOURAGE OUR HIGHPOINT PARENTS TO USE SIMILAR PROCEDURES TO ENCOURAGE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR AT HOME AS WELL AS IN SCHOOL. OUR MUTUAL GOAL IS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS TO GROW UP TO BE RESPECTFUL, LAW ABIDING CITIZENS!