

Puddle Jumpers Behavior/No Bullying Policy

Puddle Jumpers is not open to children with persistent aggressive or destructive behaviors.

We want all children to feel welcome and to be safe at Puddle Jumpers.

Good behavior has natural rewards and inappropriate behavior has consequences as well. The children in our preschool are taught the outdoor and indoor classroom safety rules. They are also reminded as needed what appropriate behavior is expected and shown our confidence in their ability to do what is expected of them. We promote and model positive social skills, friendship, kindness, and gratitude on a daily basis. Our preschool philosophy is that discipline is used to teach that positive behaviors and manners are important in preschool, society and life. We achieve this through love, consistency, and firmness in adhering to which behaviors are acceptable. Once a child understands the rules and then disobeys them by hurting either their friends or harming our property, the following developmentally appropriate child guidance techniques are used:

1. Redirection is our main form of discipline- the child is removed from the situation and redirected to another more positive activity choice. Then the child is given an opportunity to try again at another time.
2. Positive reinforcement- the children are verbally encouraged when they are exhibiting positive social behaviors and good friendship skills.
3. Time out is only used for physically harming another child or an uncontrollable temper tantrum where the other children or staff could be harmed. During this time the child is separated from the group for a regulated period of time which equals one minute for every year of age.
4. This preschool is not open to children with a pattern of behavioral problems. Children who exhibit the inability to control aggressive behaviors will be dismissed from enrollment at this preschool.
5. We strive to provide a safe, non-aggressive environment for all the children who attend and the safety of the children in our care is placed above all else.
6. Last resort- When a child's behavior is continually upsetting or dangerous to the other children or the staff and the problem cannot be resolved for whatever reason, other preschool arrangements must be made for your child. If the safety of the other children in the preschool or the staff becomes threatened we reserve the right to terminate care immediately.
7. We will not continue the enrollment of a child if their presence threatens the safety of the other children, the staff or the preschool property.
8. The children are taught to respect each other and the preschool property and that they should not intentionally brake or destroy toys, books, or preschool equipment. If a pattern of intentional destruction begins a child's parents will be held responsible for the reimbursement to replace the broken items. Preschool tuition is non-refundable regardless of reason for dismissal. Corporal punishment is never used as a form of discipline.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____