



Fruit of the Spirit Family Early Learning Discipline Policy



At *Fruit of the Spirit Family Early Learning* positive reinforcement and redirection is used. Children are taught the “fruit of the spirit” according to Galatians 5:22-23. The nine “fruits” are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

I have received training and have begun employing methods of disciplining with “Love and Logic.” Love and Logic is a philosophy of discipline that allows the child to take responsibility for his/her own actions. It encourages the use of natural consequences, delayed consequences and lots of empathy. It is a program that offers great suggestions for how to respond to children in a very calm, loving and thought provoking manner. <http://www.loveandlogic.com/>. (This website offers a wealth of information and articles to aid in the parenting process.)

When necessary the child may need some time alone to “cool off” or regroup. There will be a designated area for your child to go. We encourage the child to join us as soon as they are ready to come back and participate.

I also feel it is my job to determine what is going on in each situation to the best of my ability. Supervision is vital. It is for your child’s safety as well as for the safety of others. If conflict arises between two children, I believe it is important to guide them in problem solving the situation towards a positive solution. Children need continual training, repetition, and adult modeling.

Discipline should be consistent, loving and firm. It is based on the individual needs of the children. What works for one child may not work for another child. The age of a child also determines how one may go about dealing with a particular situation. Discipline should not be humiliating or degrading. Corporal punishment of any kind will not be permitted.

If there are any issues or circumstances at home that may contribute to your child’s behavior, don’t hesitate to let me know. I feel it is important to keep communication lines open. You can write a note, call by phone and/or schedule a time to talk in person.

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