

## DISCIPLINE POLICY

We follow a policy of redirection and gentle verbal correction. Infants and toddlers may be redirected to different toys or areas of play to avoid conflicts and maintain safe play. As children get older they may need to be removed from a situation and moved to a safe space to calm down with an adult before returning to play.

We will practice different ways to breathe through emotions to become calm enough to discuss any conflicts that arise with peers or any inappropriate behaviors (such as hitting).

We strive to work with parents and will do our best to follow their lead with handling difficult behaviors. Parental input regarding behaviors is valued and taken into consideration in effort to maintain consistency in response to the behavior both at home and child care.

We do not use corporal punishment, do not restrict child's movements, do not use any substance in a child's mouth, do not confine child, do not exclude children from activities, do not yell at children, and do not withhold things from children as a form of discipline. Licensing also prevents the use of time-out as a form of discipline for children 3 years old and younger.