

Runnels Kindergarten Discipline Program

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Our kindergarten classrooms are happy environments for our youngest students on the Harrell's Ferry Road Campus. Toward keeping our "family" happy and safe, we have a few rules and procedures that we follow in helping the children learn to behave appropriately. This note is to acquaint you with these rules and procedures.

We'd like for you to understand more clearly how the system works. Mostly, I want you to know that all of our communications and encounters with our children through the day are done with love, and that every situation is handled gently and with concern for the child's feelings and well-being.

At the beginning of the school year, we will discuss classroom and playground behavior with the children, helping them understand what is appropriate and what is not appropriate. The most important of our rules is, "Never hurt anyone, on the outside or on the inside." It's a good rule for a group of any age. Our little ones seem to understand this and the other rules of safety and getting along with each other. However, they forget from time to time and there are always a few who test the limits.

The discipline program we currently use is something we've used with success in past years. It is to help the children learn from their mistakes. When a child consistently "forgets" or breaks a rule he/she draws a picture of what happened. This shows us the child's perspective of the incident. The form also involves the child in expressing better choices.

Children will make mistakes, and when they do, we'll make each time a learning experience. For communication between home and school, we will send these little forms to you (by way of your child). We will share these little "pictures stories" with you. If and when we do, please do not over-react to the information! It will simply mean that we'd like for you to know and to help us help your child to improve his/her inappropriate behavior.

Also, please remember, as we do, that most of the time your child's behavior is very appropriate, and we love him/her very much.

Sincerely,

Marcia Mackay
Elementary Principal

Name _____

Date _____

I will stop...



I will start...

