



Turtle Creek Learning Academy

Discipline Policy

The center is responsible for the total education of your child. This includes the intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development of all of our children. Teachers, parents and students share in the responsibility of developing children to their fullest. Positive discipline is one way of teaching children how to behave appropriately in social situations, which will develop in them a sense of citizenship and responsibility to themselves and others.

The philosophy of the academy emphasizes positive, appropriate behavior through rewards. Cooperation and encouragement are fostered rather than competition or criticism. The teacher has the responsibility of structuring the physical environment and planning the instructional day to encourage appropriate behavior. Furthermore, the teacher is also responsible for modeling befitting manners and interactions. When an occasion arises in which a child's behavior may need attention, the teacher has options depending on his/her professional assessment of the situation. She may redirect the child's attention, furnish additional choices or provide individualized attention to help a child deal with a particular situation. No matter how the teacher chooses to handle the situation, she is expected to consistently reinforce that it is the behavior that is being corrected. The child is still loved, valued and appreciated.

Parents are expected to reinforce appropriate behavior at home. If a child's behavior is so disruptive as to interfere with the instruction of other children in the class, then the director will meet with the parents to discuss alternatives which may include, on rare occasions, the removal of the disruptive child from the school.