

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Discipline is consistent throughout the classes at Kinderhaven Preschool Academy, and the teachers are trained in the appropriate process. The following are the steps that are taken by the teachers.

1. The child will receive a verbal correction. If he or she is not following teacher directions or making a minor infraction of the classroom or playground policies or rules as set up by the children or the teacher, he or she will be given a verbal correction. He or she will be encouraged to make a different choice, and he or she will be given other options for correcting his or her behavior.
2. If the child is displaying violence toward another child, such as hitting, kicking, spitting, or any other act of physical violence, he or she will be removed from the situation immediately. "Quiet time" will be instituted, and the child will be asked to sit away from the group for no more than 2-5 minutes (this will correspond with his or her age).
3. The teacher will discuss the act with the child, helping them search for a more positive way to solve his or her differences. Additionally, the teacher will develop a way to make amends for the act he or she committed against the other child, i. e., make a picture, give a hug, verbally say, "I'm sorry," etc.
4. The parent/guardian will be contacted if the child's choices do not improve or if the teacher feels the child's choices are disruptive to the class or are dangerous to himself or herself or others.

Behavior correcting will be completed in a positive manner, encouraging the child's independence concerning his or her actions in the classroom and toward his or her friends. In all of the classes, the teachers will encourage the children to "respect all living things, and the classroom."