

GUIDANCE & DISCIPLINE POLICY 2017 - 2018

Our guidance and discipline goal is to foster cooperation, as we help children grow in respect and empathy for others.

Thunderbird teachers will practice the following strategies for the safety of children and to maintain an orderly learning environment.

1. Establish clear, reasonable, age-appropriate rules with each group of children at the beginning of the school year.

Most rules at Thunderbird are made for the safety of the children:

- Play nicely with others
- Use walking feet inside
- Stop at the door before going outside and wait for the teacher
- Keep the sand in the sandbox

2. Consistently follow through with the enforcement of those rules, using gentle, positive reminders.
3. If an undesired behavior continues after a reminder or two, the children will be redirected to another activity.

Ex: "Come on girls, it's your turn to paint at the easel."

4. Sitting on a chair for a "time out" is used as a last resort to calm a child or give a child who has hurt another child time to think about his/her actions. Teachers will keep the child near the group and will talk to him/her about the need for this action.
5. Occasionally, there may be a child who is having great difficulty cooperating with others, even after the usual day-to-day reminders and opportunities to grow. At this time, the teachers will schedule a conference with the parents to discuss these concerns and come up with a plan to improve social growth and cooperation.

I HAVE READ THUNDERBIRD'S GUIDANCE AND DISCIPLINE POLICY.

Child's Name: _____

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Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

A duplicate of Thunderbird's Guidance and Discipline Policy can be found on page 19 of the Parent Handbook, which you will receive at the Parent Meeting.