

General Rules & Discipline:

Rules: Nice hands, nice mouth, nice feet, nice me. I keep my hands to myself. I have courtesy and show respect! These rules are learned verbatim and repeated daily. When a child chooses to misbehave the child is reminded of the R House rules during the explanation process.

1. **No physical misconduct.**

ie: Kicking; hitting; biting; throwing toys; pushing; pinching; physically aggressive Behavior out of anger; wrestling without direct supervision, no shooting at people, etc.

2. **No verbal misconduct.**

ie: Back talk; name calling; foul language, including "mean", "stupid", "hate"; disrespectful words of any kind toward anyone or about anyone; nothing is said out of anger.

Note: Anger is a normal emotion, but learning how to vent it is important!

3. We always use "please" and "thank you" & "I'm sorry" and "your forgiven or "that's ok", "excuse me" and we use table manners like "Please can I be excused", etc. Manners are a must at R House! We utilize sign language for shy children and others under the age of two.

4. Our discipline is never harsh or demeaning. We follow this general guideline/example:

1. Verbal warning - "We have nice hands - we don't take toys away from our friends - we need to find something else to play with."
2. Removal warning "Please have nice hands, now you must play in another station or area."
3. Removal for a period of time no longer than one minute per year of age. The child is reminded of the positive choice and asked what they could do differently.
Repetitive removals for the same thing will then result in.....
4. A specific "fun time" will be eliminated for that day.
If behavior is consistent then
5. Parents will be notified by Rhonda via phone or personal conversation. A conference will be suggested for repetitive negative behavior which would include both parents and the teacher.

Note: We believe that positive discipline has better results than negative. Therefore, utilizing verbiage such as "Please have walking feet" instead of "Don't run" is practiced by each teacher with a greater success rate of listening.

Note: If the misconduct is major they will be removed immediately from the other children and the owner or director will be notified to step in.

Tantrums are handled the same. We take away the audience.