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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 utilize positive discipline. Another words telling a child to please have walking feet, instead of saying don't run. If the child's conduct is hurtful in any way, the child will be expected to apologize, and then be forgiven. 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. Time out warning "You need to have nice hands, please don't take my friends toy. They will then be directed to a similar toy.
  3. Removal from the play area. After a moment the better choice will be discussed between the teacher and the child.  
*Repetitive removals for the same thing will then result in.....*
  4. A specific "fun time" will be eliminated for that day.  
*If behavior is constant then .....*
  5. Parent notification, followed by a conference if necessary will be suggested for repetitive negative behavior.

Note: If the misconduct is major they will be removed immediately from the other children.

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