Section 4. Discipline

Philosophy of Discipline

Manhattan Beach Preschool staff will use positive guidance, redirection, and clear limits to foster the child's own ability to become self-disciplined. We will encourage children to be fair, to respect other people and property and to learn to be responsible for their actions. Children will learn empathy towards others feelings when actions are inappropriate.

Children will be shown positive alternatives for inappropriate behavior, such as taking a break or redirection.

Discipline matters between children shall be resolved by MBP staff. Parents/Guardians should not confront or discipline other children. If necessary, children will be directed towards asking for a break in the class.

Rules

Rules are made with safety in mind and apply to children, their parents or representatives, and Preschool staff. Children and adults shall treat everyone with respect.
The following are prohibited:

1. Hurtful name-calling, teasing, bad language, and/or abusive talk.
2. Spitting, hitting or biting.
3. Causing, or attempting to cause damage to school or private property.
4. Threatening or inflicting physical injury to another person.
5. Fighting
6. Dangerous rough housing (tripping, pushing, etc.)
7. Throwing of any object with intention of hitting someone (including balls and toys)
8. Possession use, or selling of any controlled substance or alcohol.
9. Possession of a weapon on campus.
10. Deliberate destruction of school property.

Consequences

To the greatest extent possible, preschool classroom teachers try to resolve the behavior and relationship problems of children as they arise, where they arise. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, a child may receive a verbal warning or be separated from the activity. However, when a child's behavior becomes so disruptive that it prohibits other children from deriving benefit from classroom activities or puts

other children 's safety at risk, the teacher may need to use one or more of the following strategies to resolve the situation:

- Conference with child and teacher.
- Conference with child, teacher, and director;
- Phone call to parents/guardians;
- Conference with teacher and parents/guardians (and perhaps the child);
- Conference with parents/guardians and director;
- Suspension from the program for one or more days;
- Termination from the program.

Termination Conditions

The Manhattan Beach Preschool may terminate enrollment immediately, or with a two (2) week notice, for any of the following reasons:

- The behavior of the child, parent/guardian, or their representative threatens the physical or mental health, safety or well-being of children or staff.
- Payment is fourteen (14) days late (seven late days and seven days after notification).
- Parent drops off a child before program scheduled start time or picks up after program scheduled end time on a regular basis.
- Child is brought to MBP more than three (3) days in any thirty (30) day period with obvious symptoms of illness.
- Preschool staff is unable to reach parents/guardians due to out-of-date information on the emergency card (i.e., inaccurate work or home phone numbers).
- Parent/guardian or emergency card contact fails to pick up child promptly when notified by MBP staff of child's illness, injury, or behavior requiring removal from the center.

Section 5. Children's Issues

Birthday Celebrations

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in his/her classroom, please discuss this with your child's teacher in advance. In some classrooms, you may bring small store-bought treats such as cupcakes or cookies with the ingredients listed. Please be aware that our

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Behavior Intervention and Discipline Matrix Notification Acknowledgement Form

Acknowledgement. By signing below, Parent/Guardian acknowledges that Parent/Guardian has read and understands the Behavior Intervention and Discipline Matrix in full, that Parent/Guardian has been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding all aspects of the Behavior Intervention and Discipline Matrix, and that Parent/Guardian understands and voluntarily agrees to its terms.

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Print Name of Child Grade Level

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian

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Parent/Guardian Signature (Required) Date

ALL MCHS and MBMS students must bring this signed form to August registration.
ALL Preschool and Elementary students must return this signed form to their teachers on the first day of school.