

## Discipline Policy for After School Program 2015-2016

The After School Program is a good place for children to learn appropriate behavior and to develop an awareness of their feelings and those of others. Children are encouraged to work out their problems by talking and listening to one another first, with help from the teacher, if necessary. The teachers respond in ways that support the child's feelings while setting limits on behavior. Directing a child to another activity will often solve a potential conflict before it develops, and offering choices usually gives the child an opportunity to maintain some independence while strengthening decision-making skills. Using positive guidance techniques that reinforce appropriate behavior, and minimize attention to inappropriate behavior (**unless it is harmful to the child or another child or a teacher**) is considered "best practice". **No abusive, humiliating, or frightening punishment is ever used.**

**At the time of enrollment when parents meet the teachers, this discipline policy is distributed and discussed with the parents and a signature is required at the bottom of this page.**

**Parents may be asked to come to the afternoon program for a conference with the director when parental advice is sought.**

**Strategies for helping the child overcome difficult behavior patterns can be helpful to the child. In cases of extreme difficulties, every good faith effort will be put in place by the teachers and professional services available to the teachers at the school. Our goal is to offer a safe and appropriate place for children to develop the best social and emotional skills while in our care.**

**Please sign below and return to the teacher. Please keep a copy for future reference.**

**Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_**

**Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_**