

## Our Discipline Policy at Marathon Lutheran School

A goal at our center is that all children be trained up in the way of the Lord. This is from a verse in the Bible that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 We ensure that in this training-up process age-appropriate, constructive disciplinary practices are used. The purpose of discipline is for the child to learn self-control, and to learn to respect the rights and property of others.

### **Our staff will use the following methods:**

- 1) Teach children methods of self-control and active calming.
- 2) Give positive directions (explain to the child what they should do).
- 3) Talk to the child, and help the child express any feelings he/she is having.
- 4) Take time to redirect behavior, suggest alternative behaviors, and give choices whenever possible.
- 5) Create a culture of reconciliation (apology and forgiveness) among students and staff.
- 6) Remove the child from the source of conflict for an age appropriate time out period.
- 7) Give the child age appropriate logical consequences for continued misbehavior, such as removal from the block area if repeatedly throwing blocks

Discipline will never be associated with food, rest, or toileting. Corporal punishment will not be used by staff at any time. Children will not be subjected to discipline which is frightening or humiliating. Parents will be kept informed of how their child is interacting in the classroom and may be contacted to discuss specific situations that arise. We invite the ideas and thought of parents regarding their children. Please share them with us!

I have received a copy of and understand the Discipline Policy at Marathon Lutheran School.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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