



Aggression Policy:

Young children are just learning how to interact, socialize, and communicate. Often children who lack impulse control or do not yet have the language skills needed to talk through a social situation will resort to some kind of physical action to get their wants met.

Montessori of Alameda follows the Love and Logic, Positive Discipline, Montessori Inner Discipline methods/philosophy for discipline and will work with all children as they learn the skills necessary to play, work, and socialize together.

However, excessive aggression is not acceptable in the classroom.

All aggressive behavior (refer to the next handout) that is deemed beyond a simple learning experience will be reported to the parents. We will discuss the behavior and the circumstances around the behavior as well as the way we handled the situation. We do not discuss the names of the children involved.

All aggression incidents will be reported to both the parents of the child that did the aggression and the child that received it.

And all such incidents will be recorded in the children's file.

After a child has acted aggressively 3 times, or if their behavior is deemed aggressive, a meeting between the teachers and parents will be necessary.

At this meeting we will discuss the behaviors, our observations, and what methods we will use in future situations should they arise. We will also discuss actions parents can take at home to support the child as they work through this behavior.

All children are different and each situation will be taken as a case by case basis with a plan implemented that is appropriate for that child's behaviors and needs. If the behavior does not improve within the time line established between the school and the parents, the family may be informed that this group setting may not be appropriate for their child and may be asked to leave Montessori of Alameda.

Again, we will work with all children and families but we must also keep the safety and well being of all the children in the community in mind.

If, at any time, you have questions or concerns please contact us any time by phone at 503-335-3321 or email at admin@montessoriofalameda.com.



Aggression Policy Handout

The following acts, behaviors or actions qualify as an “aggression”. Below are the list but not limited to:

Physical:

- Biting
- Pushing
- Stabbing
- Scratching
- Spitting
- Hair Pulling
- Tackling
- Hitting
- Punching
- Choking

Emotional:

- Intense Anger
- Frequent Loss of Temper or blow-ups
- Extreme Irritability
- Extreme Impulsiveness

Verbal:

- Use of foul words (eg. stupid, darn it)
- Use of hurtful words (kill, shoot, etc.)



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INDIVIDUALIZED ACTION PLAN FOR _____

(The following action plan will be sequentially used with the hope that before the last incident is reached the aggression is resolved.)

DATE: _____

CLASSROOM: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____ & _____
(signature required) (signature required)

TEACHERS INVOLVED: _____, _____, _____, _____,
(signature required)

ADMIN REPRESENTATIVE: _____

Plan 1: Time Frame: _____ Course of Action: _____

Date: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Plan 2: Time Frame: _____ Course of Action: _____

Date: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

Plan 3: Time Frame: _____

Course of Action: As the behavior did not improve within the time line established between the school and the parents, the date above signifies as the start of the thirty day notice that the group setting that we are offering is not the best fit to fill the direct needs of the child. As we think of what is best for the individual child mentioned above, we as a school must also keep the safety and well being of all the children in the community in mind.