**Discipline Statement:**

By listening to children and understanding and observing their behavior, we try to make positive judgements as to each child’s particular discipline needs.

We believe that the use of positive reinforcement (“please walk” instead of “DON’T run”) and praise from positive social behavior will enhance each child’s ability to function in the group.

We try to guide children into becoming self-disciplined and solving their own problems. We discuss incidents with children as they occur, model mediation skills and teach conflict resolution. The end result of the discipline process should be respect for self, others, materials, and for the world around us.

La Casita Staff will never use any form of physical punishment, psychological abuse, or coercion when disciplining a child

At La Casita we do not believe in the use of the time-out room. If a child needs to be removed from the group, they will be asked to sit quietly in a space close to, but not isolated from, the group. They will be supervised by staff and when they have calmed down they will be asked to rejoin the group.

We hope to maintain a consistent discipline approach throughout the school year. Rules are discussed with children at their own level of understanding.

I have read and do acknowledge the La Casita discipline statement.

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