

Behavior Expectations

In order for our programs to be successful and safe for everyone, we have created behavior expectations that are clear, consistent and connected.

Clear

Our expectations are stated in common language for all ages to understand, we ask parents to review these expectations on a regular basis with their children. In addition to parent reinforcement, the teachers will review expectations in class and we will have them posted throughout our classrooms. The expectations are:

- Use Kind Words
- Use materials and toys appropriately
- Ask permission before leaving the group
- Play cooperatively, no play fighting or rough play
- Participate as best you can
- Walk inside the building and when in a large group

Consistent

Our RE leaders are trained in behavior management and ESUC expected norms so that all children receive the same level of love and attention. With all RE leaders holding the same behavior expectations, our children will know more easily what to expect and feel comfortable in our RE classrooms.

In general the RE leader will remind children of the expectations and give the child a choice to meet the expectation independently or with help.

Children who chose neither option may be asked to move to a different activity or take a break from the group. The child's parent will be retrieved from church if the child continues to struggle with the expectations.

Connected

We need the parent's involvement at all levels of good behavior. Please inform the RE leader at drop off if there is anything going on at home or school that is causing anxiety. This will help leaders be more alert and compassionate.

RE Leaders and the DRE will inform parents when there is behavior that needs to be addressed in the classroom.

Parents are asked to walk their children to their RE classroom every Sunday morning and help them get settled for the day.

Parents not otherwise teaching will be scheduled to assist in the classroom once every two months, this involvement will help parents become connected with the RE leaders and classroom activities. Parents will be notified of their scheduled dates via e-mail.

The DRE and several members of the Committee for Children and Youth Ministry are trained in classroom management and special needs, please talk with the DRE to