



**Positive Behavior Management: (OCCL Reg. 20 & 23)**

The Hockessin Montessori School uses behavior prevention strategies, appropriate redirection rather than restraint, and positive developmentally-appropriate methods of behavior management of children, which encourage self-control, self-direction, positive self-esteem, social responsibility, and cooperation. Our staff will give directions and guidance in a clear, non-threatening manner. In addition, staff members will intervene quickly to ensure the safety of children and others; redirect children by suggesting other acceptable behaviors; escort the child to a different setting when necessary, and speak so children understand their feelings are important and acceptable, but their disruptive behavior is not. As children develop, we modify our methods to encourage them to control their own behavior, cooperate with others, and solve problems by developing ideas about the best possible solution. A copy of our Positive Behavior Management Plan is available in our front lobby. (OCCL Reg. 20.A)