



## School Behavior and Work Contract

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

This contract is an agreement between the children, teachers, Director, and each child's parents or guardians, to support respectful, safe behavior in the classroom and the development of exceptional work ethics.

### Our Freedoms

In our Montessori classrooms, we have the freedom to move, communicate, and choose.

### Our Responsibilities

With each freedom comes responsibility

- **Moving** responsibly means we move with purpose, carefully and quietly so that others can continue their work.
- **Communicating** responsibly means our words are respectful, they do not disturb others' work, and they are words about our work.
- **Choosing** responsibly means we choose challenging, meaningful work. We choose appropriate materials and supplies to respectfully do that work. We record our work choices in our work journals and conference with our teachers about those choices. We also choose work to master required skills as defined by the Minnesota State Standards. We choose to use our time wisely.

### Developing Freedom Balanced with Responsibility

When Freedoms are not carried out responsibly:

1. We agree to accept polite reminders from others. We accept the reminder politely and make a better behavior or work choice.
2. We agree to accept help from an adult if we cannot make a strong choice by ourselves.
3. We understand that an adult may set a limit on our freedom when it is not used responsibly. We agree to work and act respectfully within a set limit until we are able to demonstrate the necessary responsibility to work or behave without the limit.
4. We understand that if we are not accepting our responsibilities or limits, our parents or guardians will be contacted.

### Our Precious Community

WLS is an extremely unique school community founded and absolutely dependent upon the principles of respect and decency towards all of our members, and the development of exceptional work ethics. We will not tolerate teasing or disrespectful and unsafe behavior. Aggressive and/or violent play is unacceptable. At WLS, we believe every child and adult is both deserving of being shown the highest level of respect as well as capable of showing that same level of respect for others. We seek and expect the involvement of all parents in supporting the growth of a safe, respectful and inclusive community in which learning can happen at the deepest level and exceptional work can be enjoyed to its fullest. Please discuss this contract with your child and return it to school after you have signed in the spaces on the back. Thank you!

Child Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_