Connected Families: Logical Consequences

Your child will make mistakes which provide rich learning opportunities. During these moments, logical consequences can teach your child to take responsibility for their actions and learn what is acceptable in your home while creating a respectful and equitable environment.

Step	Example
1 **Provide your child with a reminder.**	"Please only write on paper with your marker."
2 **Your child now knows the acceptable behavior.**	Your child knows that they should only write on paper with their marker.
3 **Provide a second reminder.**	"Remember, when we use markers, we only write on paper. If you write on the wall with your marker instead of paper, then we can't use markers for the rest of the day."
4 **Provide a fair and reasonable consequence.**	"You won't be able to write with the marker for the rest of the day because you wrote on the wall and not the paper."

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Tips for Providing Logical Consequences

1 Use when there is a pattern of behavior you'd like to change.

2 Use "If... then..." or "When...then..." statements to help your child connect their action to an outcome.

3 Consistency is key!

4 Give reasonable, fair and sensible consequences without being severe.

5 Be kind, but firm.

6 Use a calm tone of voice, volume and facial expression.