

Promote Respect At Home & at School

Some children act disrespectfully because they think it's cool. It's what they see at school and on TV. Others act rudely because they haven't yet learned good social skills. This is how you can help:

- **Be a model of respect.** Speak politely and ask for your child's opinions. Listen attentively before you draw conclusions or make decisions. Admit when you're wrong and your child is right.
- **Expect respect.** Talk to your child about the behavior you expect. Teach the Golden Rule. Expect everyone to be treated kindly.
- **Make sure your child knows** basic social skills—shaking hands when being introduced, saying *please*, *thank you* and other kind words,



taking turns, and listening to others without interrupting.

Polite behaviors will help your child pay attention to what the teacher says—and learn more. With consistent rules of respect to follow, your child will do better in school and throughout life.

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