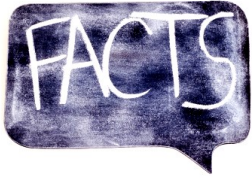




AIM: USING MANNERS

OUR TARGET: Let's help our kids act politely with manners. If we teach our kids to be kind, how to appreciate others, and how to always consider the feelings of others we will be setting them up to have and keep friends now and in the future.



Being polite and using manners are part of a positive first impression looked for by employers.

Showing good manners is a universal sign of mutual respect and goodwill toward everyone around you, even strangers.

George Washington was only 16-years-old when he wrote, "Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company & Conversation."

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TEAM UP! Try these simple ideas to help your child want to talk.

FOCUS: Our kids always need something from us as their parents. Sometimes it's help learning something or sometimes it's helping them grab something that is on a shelf out of their reach. The next time your child asks for anything, really pay attention to whether or not they used manners. Did they say, "Please" or "Thank you"? If so, thank them for using manners and asking politely. If not, use this as a chance to correct them. Either way, you have their attention so it's time to sit down and talk about why using manners is so important.

TALKING TIPS to help you sit down and start the conversation...

Adults don't like to be around rude adults or rude kids. Kids, when they know what manners are and how to use them, don't want to be around rude kids either. Let's teach our kids to say "Please" and "Thank you" for everything they ask for or are being given.

Friends and teachers will NEVER get onto our kids for being polite!

If your child seems lonely, or if they complain about not having many friends, ask them if they are polite to the kids they play with. Watch your child play with other kids and see for yourself if they are playing together nicely and with manners.

Be aware of the adult conversations your child hears. Arguing and rude adult behavior that your child sees are terrible for the habits your child will form. If our kids' parents surround themselves with rudeness our children will think that is the behavior and company that is expected of them too. Let's break that cycle by simply teaching and showing our kids manners.

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DECISION TIME: It's time you and your child CHOOSE to be kind, to appreciate others, and to consider other people's feelings by using manners. Decide to keep each other in check by always using "Please" and "Thank you" in your home. For both parents and kids, we are better people and better friends when we try our best to be polite. SHAKE HANDS with your child, and agree to work hard at being polite.



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GIVE IT A TRY! A chance to practice the target skills together at home:



CREATE AN INDOOR PICNIC!

Plan an easy meal with your child. You can even heat up left-overs but do it together. For every ingredient and every step of making the meal, gather what you will need with your child. This will make you share the same space together for a time and it will give you many chances to practice good manners.

You will need:

NAPKINS | A BLANKET | PLATES | CUPS | DRINKS | AND THE FOOD!**

Take all the supplies to a place in your home where you have room to have your picnic, even on top of a bedspread that is still on a bed will work if you have little floor space!

** Recommended: Sandwiches. When you're making sandwiches, you and your child will need to ask for and pass many different items before you can have a complete meal. If you want to make sandwiches, gather your bread and whatever meat or peanut butter and jelly fillings you would enjoy.

Everyone at your picnic, even if it is more than just you and your child, will be forced to pass, share, and ask for all of the ingredients they need before they can eat! Take good care and pay close attention to how manners are being used... or not used. Make sure that everyone at your picnic asks for every meal item to be passed politely using "Please" when they would like something and then saying, "Thank you" after the item have been received.

Remind your child that you both agreed to work hard together to practice good manners and this picnic is a way to see just how often you need to ask others for help. Others will be happier to help you out when your manners are good and well-practiced.



Stay On Target

Tips to help keep
your child's new
skills in action at
home and school.

- Correct Them! If your child says, "Give me that!" to, or simply grabs things from anyone at any time, stop them. Tell your child that this is NEVER okay and ask them to start over, asking politely for what they want with, "May I please..."
- Polite kids can teach other kids that need to work on their manners how to act better. Let's help our kids become good examples for others to set up their future world as a more considerate place to live.

