Learning Care group

Positive Behavior at HOME

Positive Behavior Skill

Teaching Respect
Respect is a trait that is valued in almost every situation and every setting. We show respect through our actions. The single most important factor in teaching respect is to model respect.

Why is This Skill Important?

Children who are respectful

- Develop positive relationships with others
- Lead a happy life and treat others kindly
- Experience greater success in school and in life

Helpful Tips

How to teach respect

- Always stay calm if you feel your child is being disrespectful.
- Focus on teaching problem-solving skills to find alternative ways of thinking about and dealing with situations.
- Model what respect looks like.
- Remember to teach and not to punish. Your children are watching your actions.

Ways to Practice at Home

Role Model
We cannot teach respect by being disrespectful. Model how to be respectful even when others make mistakes.

Role-Play
Role-play a skill in a pretend situation, such as sharing, identifying others feelings, etc. You can use a situation from a favorite book or make up your own! Children love acting out scenarios and using puppets!

Identifying Emotions
Identifying and discussing emotions can help your child understand their own and others' feelings. Find opportunities to identify real and play emotions. For example, if two stuffed animals are fighting, you could say, "They are angry! What do you think they should do?"

Teach Listening Skills
By giving someone your time and attention, you let them know that you value and respect them. Teach your child to actively listen when others are talking. Practice this when you are engaged in conversation.