

GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

A Key to Your Student's Success

Getting along with others is vital for school success. Children who know how to cooperate become good students and productive community members. They are ready to succeed in all they do.



Schools teach reading and writing and arithmetic. They help students develop thinking skills, physical fitness and much more. But schools can't do their job well if children can't get along with others.

Building cooperation starts when families expect their children to get along with others at home. Children learn this best from parents who demonstrate cooperation and respect for others.

By setting an example, parents can help their children see how to be part of any group. With a positive attitude about working with others, children can help make school a better place to learn.

When children learn to cooperate, they realize how much more they can accomplish.

Here's How You Can Help Your Child Get Along With Others



- Set a good example. Show that you respect the ideas and skills of others.
- Listen carefully when your child speaks. Talk about how listening to others is an important part of getting along.
- Help your child join groups where cooperation is encouraged.
- Look in the news for stories about people working together to solve problems. Share them with your child.
- Teach your child tolerance. Agreeing with everyone isn't required, but accepting that others may have different ideas is important.
- Teach your child that working in a group often requires some give and take to achieve a goal.
- Help your child develop a positive attitude toward others. Discuss the good qualities of teachers and other students.

Children who know how to get along with others find school more rewarding—and more fun.

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