

Elementary English

Monday, August 16, 2021

Are you an 'askable' parent?

Children are full of questions...and they will look for answers to all of them. Being an "askable" parent ensures that you will be your child's primary source for information and values. Tell your child you want to answer his questions. Don't avoid sensitive or embarrassing topics. Treat them seriously, and respond with words and actions that say, "I'm so glad you asked!"

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Tuesday, August 17, 2021

For Twitter/text message:

Link consequences to the behavior that caused them

Your child comes home late from playing outside with a friend, so you send her to her room. Makes sense, right? Maybe not. After all, what's so bad about hanging out in her room for a while? Although simple penalties are OK at times, it's more effective to relate the consequence to the misbehavior. Try: "I was so worried about you when you were late that I didn't finish my chores. You'll have to stay in and help me finish them tomorrow."

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Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Experiment with science at home

The kitchen is a great place for science experiments. Here are two activities to try with your child: 1. Mix oil and water and watch as they separate. 2. Gently drop an egg into a jar of water. It sinks. Now slowly add salt to the water. The egg floats! After observing the experiments, ask why your child thinks you got the results you did. Talk about ways to find answers, such as going to the library or looking online.

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Thursday, August 19, 2021

Demonstrate respectful relationships for your child

Children tune in to just about everything their parents say and do. If parents are disrespectful to each other, children conclude that this behavior is OK for them, too. Let your child see adults who are willing to talk and solve problems politely. When parents and other adults behave respectfully, children learn to be respectful, too.

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Friday, August 20, 2021

Promote cooperation at home

"Many hands make light work." To foster cooperation, follow these chore guidelines: Make everyone's assignments clear. Keep in mind that boys and girls can learn to do the same tasks, and make yours an equal opportunity household. Don't redo work your child has done. This can make kids feel incapable. Instead, give pointers for next time.

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Saturday, August 21, 2021

Good manners have not gone out of style

Good manners improve interactions with others. Children who use bad manners in school can make it hard for everyone to learn. Help your child understand that the way he would like to be treated is the way he should treat others. Have him practice polite words he can use when he's upset. Teach him to wait for his turn to speak or act, and to share and be honest.

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Sunday, August 22, 2021

A poem can make writing personal

Your child may be more interested in writing when she is the subject. Challenge your child to write a poem using the letters in her name. Have her write her name vertically along the left side of a piece of paper. Then have her create a list of words that begin with each letter of her name that describe her. She can use those words to begin a line of the poem after each letter of her name.

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