



Parent Note for Beginning of the Year

Dear Parents,

Our class is working hard on our communication skills through civil discourse routines. We are learning so much! Here are some of the reasons we are learning to speak and listen respectfully and responsibly.

Research has proven that strong civil discourse skills can help students do better in school and in life. When students learn to speak confidently and listen actively through civil discourse, they do better in subjects like math, science, language arts, and more.

Our regular class discussions will center on enhancing your child's communication skills, which may also translate into more meaningful conversations at home and in various other settings. We'll be exploring class topics using good reasoning and logical thinking. As a class, we've created some ground rules to make sure our class is a space where everyone can speak their mind without fear. We're committed to sticking to these rules to maintain a secure and welcoming classroom environment.

[\(Attach your classroom norms here.\)](#)

To help your child become a better communicator, you can lead by example at home. Encourage them to explain why they think the way they do and try to understand and empathize with others, even when you don't see eye to eye. Together, we will empower your child to be a strong speaker and an empathetic listener. We look forward to watching your child's communication skills blossom as the year progresses.

If you ever have a question or comment about anything we have discussed in class, don't hesitate to call (xxx-xxx-xxxx) or email (xxxxxxxx@XXXXX).

Best regards,

[Your Name]