



Social Skills for School Success



SKILL: Children need to be able to work with new children and adults.

How an adult can help...

- Praise your child when he/she asks for help or helps someone else.
- Model and encourage the use of greetings when speaking to other adults and children. “John is saying hello to you. Now you need to wave or say, ‘hello’ to him.”

SKILL: Children need to be able to make friends with other children and adults.

How an adult can help...

- Teach your child how to introduce him/herself to others.
- Instead of saying, “Go play,” give your child a suggestion for playing with a peer. For example, “Ask Sarah ‘Will you build blocks with me?’”

SKILL: Children need to be able to be productive members of the classroom community.

How an adult can help...

- Use simple rules and routines at home, for example a bedtime routine chart.
- Point out the body language and voice tones of siblings and friends. “Look at Jaden’s face. How do you think he is feeling?”

SKILL: Children need to be able to solve problems with words rather than aggressive behavior.

How an adult can help...

- Teach your child to keep his/her hands and feet in his or her own space.
- Help your child learn to solve problems verbally. For example, tell your child, “Ask your sister for a turn with the ball instead of grabbing it from her.”