



## NOTE #3: P.B.I.S. EXPECTATION “BE RESPECTFUL”

Respect can seem to be a “big” word for a preschooler to understand. If you really think about it, respect like safety is a feeling created when certain actions are performed. It’s never too early to starting teaching children positive behaviors. When those behaviors are paired with the word respectful, children can learn that “big” word sooner than you think.



### What We Teach At School

At school, some ways we encourage the children to Be Respectful are:

- Listening when the teacher is talking
- Using polite language like please and thank you
- Using the classroom materials carefully and properly

When we see them “being respectful”, we let them know that we noticed by saying things like “I like the way you waited your turn to talk. That was being respectful.” We make sure to let the child know that their positive behavior was recognized in hopes that it will encourage the child to do it that way again.



### What You Can Do At Home

At home, you can promote respect within your family. It is important for children to practice behaviors across all their environments. Some ways you can encourage your children/family to be respectful are:

- Responding to a greeting from a family member or neighbor
- Using family member’s proper names
- Asking before you use a sibling’s belongings

Remember to recognize your child for their positive behaviors by telling them that you liked the way they were being respectful. If you observe you child being disrespectful, tell them to stop or encourage another behavior but remember to use the word respectful in you explanation. For example, “Suzie, I need you to stop calling your sister names. It’s not respectful.”

When a person shows respect to others, they will also earn respect back. When a child earns that sense of being regarded, it positively affects their self-esteem. Parents and teachers want children to be confident learners who are successful at and respected for whatever they do!