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 positive 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. Instilling cooperation starts when families expect their children to get along with others at home. Children learn this best from adults who demonstrate cooperative and respectful behavior. By setting an example, you can help your child see how to work well in a group. With a positive attitude about working with others, your child can help make school a productive place to learn.

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



- Set a good example. Consider others' ideas and respect their skills.
- 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.
- Help your child understand differences. 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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