

HOW WE TALK MATTERS

Less is More!

5 Second Rule!

What is My Purpose When I speak?

What is NOT on the List!

"I'm sorry, thank you, and please"

Natural & Logical Consequences

**TOP 5 PEARLS OF WISDOM

For Young Children (2yr olds)

1. Help me (used when you have a young child with limited verbal skills)
2. Momma will come back at table time.
3. I will be your friend today.
4. I can help you.
5. Show me
6. ****I have a spot for you.**
7. Not safe
8. May I help you?
10. Time to sit on your bottom (story/rug time)
11. May I help you with your jacket or sweater, etc.?
12. The toys/sand are closed.

Separation

1. What are you going to do this morning Momma or Daddy?
2. Time to say good-bye.
3. Momma/Daddy always comes back.
4. Where do you want to start your day?

Adult & Child Conflicts

1. I'm going to pick you up now.
2. I can't let you hit me.
3. Keep your hands on your own body
4. Too loud, it hurts our ears
5. STOP!
6. ****Did you forget?**
7. That's not working. Please make another choice.
8. Time to get in control.

For older children (3-5 yr olds)

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1. (Child's name) likes your ideas, where can he/she join in?
2. ****What's your plan?**
3. ****How can I help you?**
4. When will it be (child's name) turn?
5. Your turn is next.
6. Where is your spot?
7. Words hurt, you may think it, but you may not say it.
8. Where is (child's name) spot?
9. Momma's working today, would you like an apron?
10. We have talked about that already. Let's talk about something else.
13. We're all friends here.
13. Crashing tells me you are not a safe driver.
14. I can depend on you.

Directive Speech

1. ****Shoes go in your cubby.** Sand stays on the ground. Shovels are for digging.
2. It's your job.
3. It's washing hands time.
4. It's Snack time. Rug or Table time
5. One per customer!
6. The toys are for all the children.

Setting Limits

1. We build with blocks, we throw balls; shall we find a ball for you to throw?
(Redirection)
2. Do you want to put your jacket in your cubby or on the coat rack?
(Choices)
3. When you crash that tells me you are not a safe driver. Only safe drivers ride bikes and cars at school. (Logical Consequence)

Art Talk

1. Art is more fun if you make your own... Let's see what you can make.
2. Would you like to tell me about your picture?
3. Where may I write your name? (art work)