

Expect Respect Character Trait: Respect	
Focus for October: Anti-Bullying	
HOME CONNECTION	
Social Interaction Skills	It is important to teach your child basic manners like saying "please" and "thank you." Remind them that it is important to have positive interactions with others. Reinforce the types of behaviors that you want them to display.
	Note: Using manners—just a simple "excuse me" or "thank you"— is also a form of empathy. It teaches your child to respect others and acknowledge their impact on others. Disrespectful behavior can be viewed as the opposite of being empathetic and having good manners.
Respect vs. Disrespect	Share different scenarios with your child and ask them if the person in the scenario is being respectful or disrespectful. Allow them to share their reasoning. Offer your thoughts on each scenario and explain your rationale for saying the person was either respectful or disrespectful. (Try to include things that you and your child has actually experienced.)
Anti-Bullying Information	<ul> <li>Parents are instrumental in preventing bullying. In order to gain more information on this topic please visit the following website: https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/what-you-can-do</li> <li>Taking the Anti-Bullying pledge with your child. Here is the pledge:</li> <li>"I pledge to support others who have been hurt or harmed, treat others with kindness, be more accepting of people's differences and help include those who are left out. I pledge to help create a world without bullying through kindness, acceptance and inclusion"</li> </ul>

