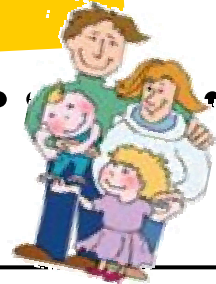


# POSITIVE PARENTING

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**Family is viewed as a mutual support system and Problem-solving unit.**



## Tips for Your Child's Success

### \* Clearly communicate your expectations to your children

A clear description of those behaviors that will get your attention, typically taught best in a role-playing setting. Don't be concerned if the children don't agree with you. Agreeing is not that important, assuming that your expectations are reasonable. But their understanding of your expectations is important.

### \* Seeing hard work as a key to success.

Children who are told that personal effort is the key to success know it is not fate or heredity or how they look that makes the difference. They know their own efforts will make the difference.

### \* An active lifestyle.

Parents are expected to discourage idleness and help guide their child's time into wholesome activities.

### \* Allocate sometime to spend with your child.

This time may be devoted to leisure time reading, hobbies, games, sports, and family outings .

## What Schools Expect From Parents?

*Parents have high expectations of schools where they send their children. They want their child to have the best educational opportunities, quality and caring teachers and a safe learning environment. At GVS, we want to strive to provide these things for our students. But we can't do it without you, the parent.*

*A child who comes to school ready to learn is halfway down the road to success. Those who succeed in school and in life do so because of the partnership between parents and schools who value academic excellence.*

We ask parents to encourage their children to follow these basics:

- Children should be at school on time;
- Students come to school ready to learn;
- Students should have a regular routine at home that includes plenty of sleep, nutritious food, regular chores and good work and leisure habits;
- Parents are expected to provide the information the school needs in order to work well with the student.

*Teachers want their students to live in families and communities where each child is seen as a student and the importance of school, homework and activities that build student skills and feelings of success are emphasized.*

**Parents can plant magic in a child's mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit.**



## How Can Parents Teach Tolerance?

Parents can teach **tolerance** by example — and in other ways, too. Talking together about tolerance and respect helps kids learn more about the values you want them to have. Giving them opportunities to play and work with others is important as well. This lets kids learn firsthand that everyone has something to contribute and to experience differences and similarities.

Things parents can do to help kids learn tolerance include:

- \* Notice your own attitudes.
- \* Remember that kids are always listening. Be aware of the way you talk about people who are different from yourself.
- \* Point out and [talk about](#) unfair stereotypes that may be portrayed in [media](#).
- \* Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully. This teaches them that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- \* Acknowledge and respect differences within your own family.

Remember that **TOLERANCE** does not mean tolerating unacceptable behavior.

## How To Handle Back Talk?

**You won't ever be able to avoid disagreements with your kids, but you can learn how to fight fair.**

- **Define what the problem is**
- **Define how to rectify it**
- **Figure out what can be done to prevent it in the future**

• *Don't attack*

• *Don't belittle*

*DON'T CONDEMN*