

RESPONSIBILITY

Parent Resource

What is responsibility?

Responsibility means owning my actions, using good judgment and practicing self-control.

As your child gets older, it is important for him or her to continue developing responsibility by taking ownership of his or her actions and using good judgment when making choices.

In kindergarten through second grade, children begin or continue:

- ✓ Demonstrating the ability to follow rules and directions.
- ✓ Understanding how individual actions can affect others.
- ✓ Learning ways to respect other people's personal property and personal space.

Below is a way you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate responsibility:

INTRODUCE THE WORD

Introduce the word "responsibility" to your child's vocabulary. It is important for your child to understand what the meaning is and how it applies to him or her. Provide examples of being responsible, acting with good judgement and demonstrating self-control.



BY TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO BE RESPONSIBLE, YOU ARE HELPING HIM OR HER POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

SKILLS TO CONSIDER PRACTICING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Developing a schedule for household chores and other activities that your child is expected to complete.



Demonstrating the ability to listen to directions, take turns and share with others.



DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTERS

Discuss with your child his or her current responsibilities at home and at school. For example, doing homework, feeding pets and cleaning his or her room.

Taking responsibility can provide a great sense of accomplishment! Ask your child what other responsibilities he or she would like to help with.

