

RESPONSIBILITY

Parent Resource

GRADES
3–5

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 grades three through five, children begin or continue:

- ✓ Identifying ways decisions affect others.
- ✓ Understanding positive ways to deal with failure and learn from challenges.
- ✓ Learning how attitudes and thoughts can influence one's behavior.

Below are ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate responsibility:

DISCUSS ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

Discuss with your child the responsibilities associated with his or her role as a student, sibling, friend or teammate.

ASSIGN HOUSEHOLD TASKS

Assign chores and household tasks to your child. By completing household tasks, your child will contribute to the household in a productive and positive way.

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

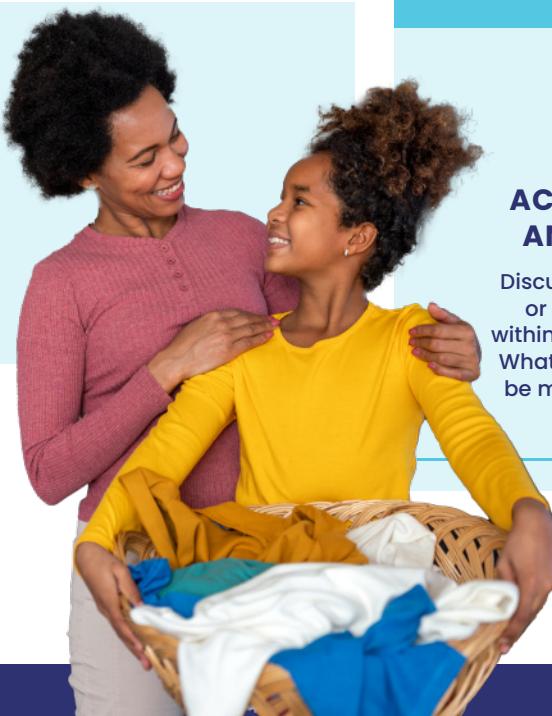
SKILLS TO CONSIDER PRACTICING WITH YOUR CHILD:



Making responsible decisions that affect personal well-being.



Taking responsibility for your actions (for example, completing homework without being reminded or apologizing when your words or actions negatively impact another).



ACTIVITY FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Discuss with your child goals or plans your family has within the next week or month. What responsibilities need to be met to accomplish these goals or plans?