ASKING THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Discovering your child or students’ answers to questions like "How are you doing?", can help create positive conditions for learning at school and in the home. The benefits of fostering relationships enables students to freely discuss thoughts and ideas, and creates an open environment.
Choose Your Words Wisely

Take a moment and think carefully about what your are going to say. Words are more powerful than you can ever imagine, so choose them wisely. They have the ability to carry us to amazing places. The words we use can deepen our feelings and ultimately become our experience. The words we say to others can carry a heavy toil. Words are powerful with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliates and to humble.

~ Choose Kindness!
Helpful vs. Hurtful Problem Solving Words

Directions: Color helpful ways to solve a problem Yellow. Then, rewrite the hurtful words in a helpful way to solve your problem.

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<th>Leave me alone!</th>
<th>Would I be able to have the yellow marker?</th>
<th>Pushes to get first in line</th>
<th>I'd like to play by myself right now.</th>
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<td>Snatches</td>
<td>Excuse me, would you be able to move?</td>
<td>I can share with you when I’m finished playing</td>
<td>That made me really upset when you....</td>
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<td>This is mine!</td>
<td>Would I be able to get in line next to you?</td>
<td>I hate you!</td>
<td>Move!</td>
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You are not my friend!

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Get out of my way!

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Give it to me!

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The Power of Words

Directions
Read the story below and then answer the questions that follow.

Rani and Aruna love a website that has games and chatting for kids. Their parents let them play on the site. Lately, though, Rani and Aruna have been receiving mean messages on the site, including:

1. How do you think Rani and Aruna feel when they read those messages?
   Rani and Aruna feel ____________________________

2. How would you feel if you received messages like these?
   I would feel ____________________________

3. Why do you think people send these kinds of message to people they don’t know?
   People send these kinds of messages because ____________________________

A Matter of Ethics
There’s an old saying: “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” I think that this saying is TRUE/NOT TRUE (circle one) because ____________________________
T.H.I.N.K.
Before You Speak

Is it...

T - True?
H - Helpful?
I - Inspiring?
N - Necessary?
K - Kind?