



LACK OF RESPECT

what do you do with students who show a lack of respect for adults, peers, their belongings, and the property of others?

1. The teacher should practice the 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility, and Reciprocity.
2. Role-play situations where there is lack of respect. For example: Someone fails a test and others make fun of that person. Follow with group analysis and discussion of the situation and alternative actions.
3. Clearly state the reasons for respecting other people's property. Publicly acknowledge those who demonstrate respect for others' property, so their peers can model their behaviour.
4. Show and discuss videos dealing with respect.
5. Don't make unrealistic requests, dictate rules without explanations, or give an ultimatum that presents students with a boundary they might be tempted to cross because they feel it is unreasonable.
6. Listen to each student. Never assume that you know what the student is going to say to explain their actions.
7. Show that even though, as the teacher, you are in charge of the class, you respect the student and expect respect in return.
8. Never make idle, sarcastic threats (e.g., "How many times have I told you to sit down? I am going to have to take away your break time for the week unless you behave.")