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Did You Know?

Your child is at the perfect age to learn how to handle a book. Children have mastered eating finger food now and can pick up the small items without much trouble. Since they are beginning to understand rules and limits, now is the time to begin setting boundaries with books.

Try It Out

Make it a habit to read to your child nightly and always include book etiquette. Here are some ideas:

- Select books that have a character your toddler will grow to love as it shows up over and over again, such as Franklin the Turtle series by Paulette Bourgeois or Sandra Boynton board books.
- Teach your child how to hold a book with the cover positioned correctly.
- Help your child turn the pages one at a time.
- Make sure your child understands that books are fragile. We treat them gently and we always put them back in their special place when we are finished.
- Provide a special place to store your books.



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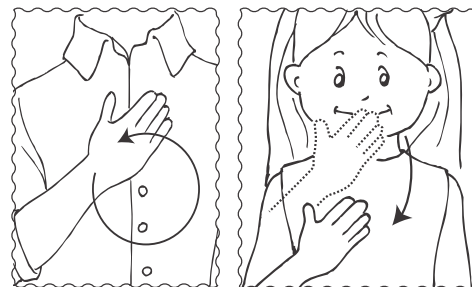
Social skills are not innate. They have to be intentionally taught. Children learn to say please and thank you by listening to us and hearing our reminders. They learn how to listen when someone is talking and not interrupt by the same means. Language and social skills are best learned by example.

Try It Out

Encourage your child to smile, say "hi," and strike up conversations with other children. Give her words and phrases to use like, "What's your name?" or "Where do you live?"

Be a good role model. Be friendly when mixing with others. Say "please" and "thank you" when appropriate. Smile. Role-play good table manners. Encourage your child to say "May I be excused?" and "May I have more, please?"

We are learning some words in American Sign Language in our classroom. Practice using the signs for please and thank you.



please

thank you