

BE POLITE

Caregiver Handout



What your child learned this week:

Skills:	Content:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connecting with others• Cooperation• Numeracy• Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distinguishing between polite and rude behaviors• Counting• “Polite” vocabulary

Activities to do at home to reinforce this week’s learning goals:

- Encourage your child to use polite words and manners when interacting with others.
- Practice counting items as you encounter them during the day. (“How many plates are on the table?” “How many children are at the playground? Let’s count!”)
- Acknowledge the word “*please*” when you hear someone say it. Count how many times a day you hear it. Do the same for “*thank you*.”
- Practice being a good listener. Encourage your child to wait for their turn to speak.
- Read with your child, asking them open ended questions about the story as you go.
- Have your child call someone to thank them for something they did or make a thank you card and send it.

Recommended books to read with your child to reinforce this week’s learning goals:

- *How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food* by Jane Yolen (Blue Sky Press, 2005) Children learn how they should behave when eating their food, teaching table manners through well-behaved dinosaur guests.
- *Please, Mr. Panda/For favor, Sr. Panda* by Steve Anthony (Scholastic Inc., 2015) Mr. Panda teaches his friends the importance of saying please and thank you.
- *The Duckling gets a Cookie?* by Mo Willems (Hyperion, 2012) Pigeon is angry when duckling gets a cookie by asking politely. This book uses humor to teach children the usefulness of good manners.