

# When Wild Kids Show Up!

## Creating a Happy Classroom

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### Why do children misbehave?

1. Attention, Power, Revenge, Inadequacy, Lack of Parenting & Influences – pop culture, TV music, books, peers...
2. Toddlers – physical discomfort, curiosity, testing, frustration

### Classroom Environment

1. Be a role model – Would I like myself as a teacher?
2. Prepare in advance i.e., lesson plans, activities, daily schedule...
3. Check to see how the room respects the children – learning centers, room arrangement, storage, accessibility...
4. Greet children & parents at the door – SMILE & BE HAPPY/POSITIVE

### Age Appropriate Techniques

1. Infants – speak positive words, be patient & compassionate
2. Toddlers – accentuate the positive – be consistent & monitor moods
3. Preschool & older – redirect behavior with positive words & examples – stay calm, be consistent,

### WAYS TO CREATE A HAPPY CLASSROOM

1. Create a simple list of positive classroom rules.
2. Every morning teach the rules to the children to set the tone for the day.
3. Set up fun learning activities & games to encourage kindness, self-control, respect, sharing...
4. Redirect behavior with age appropriate techniques providing positive communication, guidance, & discipline.
5. Be a role model & demonstrate examples of patience, compassion, kindness...
6. Develop a plan of procedures that create a positive classroom environment
7. Be pro-active vs. reactive. Plan the day's activities & lessons in advance.

# WORDS

Words can be good.

Words can be bad.

Words can make you feel happy or sad.

Words can make a difference.

The words YOU choose can make a person feel happy or sad.

## WORDS HAVE POWER!

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### Exercise

*Words that encourage – positive words*

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*Words that discourage – negative words*

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