

Quality Interactions

Quality interactions foster a sense of security and belonging in children and provide a strong root system to strengthen early cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Instead of saying...	Teach by saying
Don't yell.	Talk in a quiet voice. Use your inside voice.
Don't throw sand.	Dig in the sandbox. Sand belongs in the sandbox.
Don't stand on the slide.	Sit down when you slide.
Don't dump the puzzle pieces.	Keep the puzzle pieces on the table.
Be careful. You might fall.	Hold onto the railing.
Don't drip paint on the floor.	Wipe your brush on the jar.
Do you want to go inside? It's time to go inside.	It's time to go inside.
Don't stand on the chair.	Chairs are for sitting.
Don't tear the pages.	Turn the pages carefully.

Other Tips
Speak in a calm voice
Speak directly to the child
Avoid calling across the room
Get down on the child's eye level
Speak in short, clear sentences
Remember "Please" and "Thank You"
Model the behavior you want to see