

CREATING AN EFFECTIVE CIRCLE OF COMMUNICATION

Child

- Be an advocate for themselves
- Communicate with person(s) directly, asking for adult help as needed
- Be honest and own up to actions
- Write a letter to teacher about situation asking for help or informing about situation
- Can ask for a meeting with teacher and parent
- Ask teacher for a meeting with or without other involved student
- Be open to other perspectives



**Our Goals for the Child
are to foster:**
Perspective Taking
Self-Advocacy
Peaceful Assertion
Effective Communication
Self-Reflection



Teacher

- Provide a positive role model for grace and courtesy and appropriate communication
- We will meet with all children involved in situation - individually or as a group, as the situation warrants
- Will contact all parents of involved students as necessary
- Will respond to parent emails and questions
- Will provide opportunities for social learning, through grace and courtesy lessons and conversations
- Will provide service learning opportunities
- Maintains a strong foundation in child development at the elementary age
- Will foster self-discipline and self-awareness



Parent

Ask your child questions:

- What happened before?
- What did you do after?
- When did this happen?
- Did you talk with a teacher?
- Would you like to talk about strategies?

Strategize ways to handle that situation:

- Brainstorm appropriate words to use
- Role Model - child practices new strategy with you

What are your Family Values?

- Don't tell them what you need them to do, instead articulate to them what needs to happen and ask them how they see themselves accomplishing it

Our goal is to work in partnership with families to support each child's social, emotional and academic growth.

Our goal with each student is to provide support in his or her communication style, providing expectations and limits.

Provide a positive role model for grace and courtesy and appropriate communication.

Give your child the resources to take ownership over their own contributions and choices, the freedom to do so, and the safe place to land if it doesn't go well.