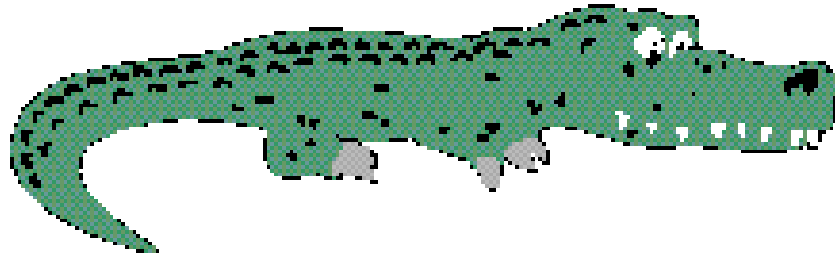


# An Alligator Attitude



Dear Parent,

This week at school your child enjoyed a poem, classroom discussion and proficiency based worksheet to help them develop and practice problem-solving skills. The story of two friends named Mickey and Gary helped your child to realize the importance of asking a trusted adult for help in conflict situations. Mickey's mom shared the poem, "An Alligator Attitude", with the boys. An alligator knows, as does your child's class, you don't need to fight to solve your problems, just use your brain to follow the three R's of conflict management:

**The 3 R's of Conflict Management:  
RELAX REFLECT RESPOND**



## ***Know Place Like Home Suggested Activities:***

### **1. Family Chat: Count on Me**

Talk with your child to discover whom they would turn to for help. Listen to their reasons for selecting these individuals. From this discussions, create a list of trusted adults to turn to for advice or help. Encourage your child to keep this list in a safe place for possible future use.

### **2. Refrigerator Art: Long on Attitude**

Print the word ATTITUDE lengthwise on a piece of paper. Print a word or phrase that begins with each letter describing positive thoughts and actions. Display this in a spot where it will be frequently seen. At the end of the week talk about any positive events that were sparked by your improved attitude.

### **3. Memory Builder: Library Visit**

Take some time to visit your local library. Find The Hating Book written by Charlotte Zolotow. Read and discuss the book at the library and later throughout the week at home. Be sure to focus on the child asking Mom for help and the importance of listening to prevent fighting.

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