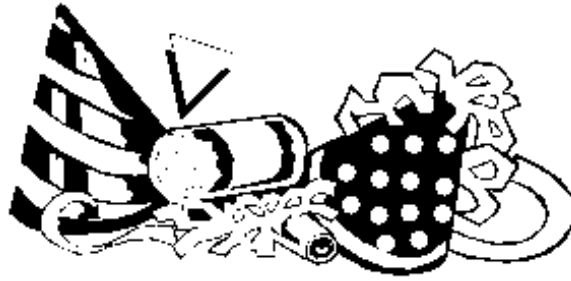


A New Year's Event



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 New Year's Event tells a story of children hosting an event. The party might be ruined if the toys are not distributed fairly. Your child's class worked through possible solutions using the three R's of conflict management:

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

Know Place Like Home Suggested Activities:

1. Refrigerator Art: Traffic Light

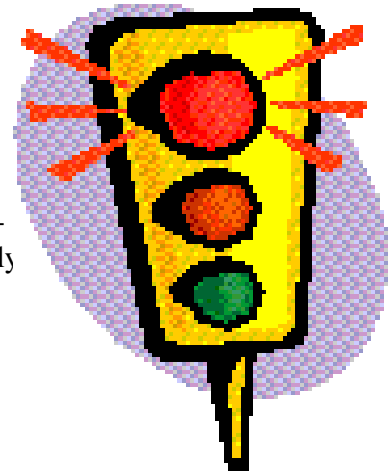
Make a paper traffic light. Print the words:

RELAX in the red position

REFLECT in the yellow position

RESPOND in the green position

Talk about how your family will use this signal to manage disagreements or conflicts in your home. Display your work in a frequently seen spot.



2. Family Chat: Time Share Treasure

Invite all family members to bring a treasured item to share at a common time.

First, everyone tells about the treasure. Next, everyone agrees to share this item for a set amount of time and to treat all treasures with care. Finally, when all treasures have been returned to their owners, talk about the feelings and responsibility that went along with sharing.

3. Memory Builder: Promise Keepers

As a family, write a sharing goal for this week and work at paving the way for this life skill. Use the traffic signal when it becomes difficult to keep your eye on the road.