

# Positive Behavior Strategies

## Foster Responsibility, Cooperation, and Caring

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# Behavioral Skills Children Need

Children need to master a broad scope of skills beyond the traditional “basics.” They need important skills that will boost school success and serve them throughout life. These valuable skills include

- **Cooperative Skills**

Experiences in working with others, working as a team member, and being a leader help children learn to be cooperative.

- **Self-Management Skills**

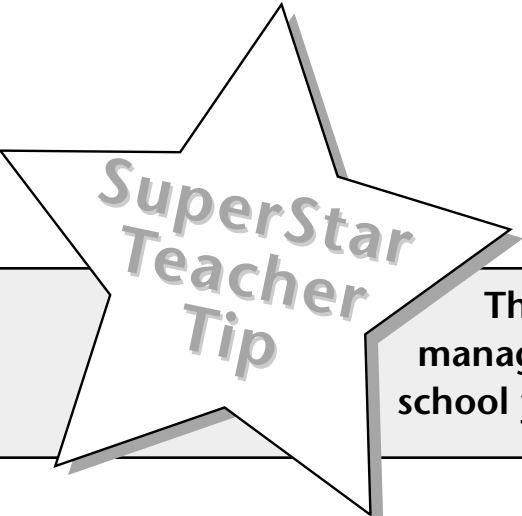
Children need to learn to assume responsibility for themselves and to exercise self-discipline. They need to learn they have behavioral choices.

- **Organizational Skills**

Keeping track of materials, managing time, setting priorities, following schedules, and meeting deadlines is important in school and life.

Children benefit from classrooms that are well-organized and free of disruptive behavior. When teachers provide clear standards in a supportive environment, children tend to cooperate and assume responsibility.

In *permissive* homes and classrooms, children can do virtually anything they want. In *authoritarian* settings, adults force children to conform. Most effective parents and teachers are *authoritative*. These authoritative parents and teachers provide clear standards in a structured, supportive environment. Children assume responsibility, are cooperative, and solve problems together. Authoritative teachers use positive strategies and have well-managed classrooms.



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Tip

The most effective day to establish classroom management policies is the first day of the school year!

# Classroom Organization

An organized classroom is an optimum place for everyone to work and learn. When children can find materials and know where things go, they can function independently. This eliminates questions and saves time for students and their teachers.

## Children need

- Basic Supplies

Establish a place in the classroom where they will always find basic supplies. Label boxes and baskets so the children can put things back.

- Things to Take Home

Provide a place where the children can put items that are to be taken home.

## Teachers need boxes or baskets for

- Things they need to take to the school office

- Things they want to take home

- Notes children bring to school

- Materials they plan to read later

## Teachers need a desktop box or basket containing file folders labeled

- Notes to write

- Phone calls to make

- Monday

- Tuesday

- Wednesday

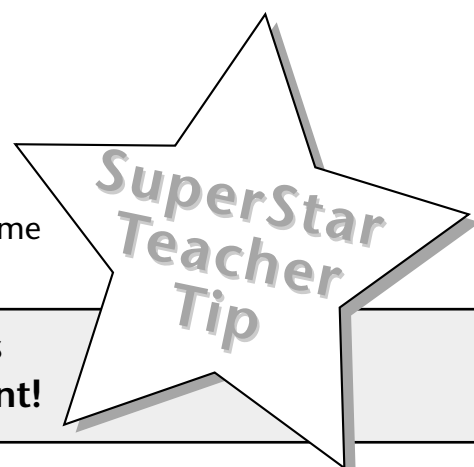
- Thursday

- Friday

- Do next week

- Urgent

Instead of putting papers down and losing them, pop them in folders so you can get your hands on them quickly. This saves time and reduces frantic searches!



**Variety stores sell all kinds of colorful plastic boxes and bins that will help you with paper management!**