

# DaVinci Academy Elementary

## Love and Logic Newsletter

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**Principles: Mutual Dignity and Respect, Sincere Empathy, Shared Thinking, Shared Control Within Limits, It All Points to Healthy Relationships.**

#### What is Love and Logic?

Love and Logic is a way of working with children that teaches them to be responsible, promotes problem solving, and prepares them to live in the real world! Establishing a strong, loving relationship with the child is at the heart of this model. Love and Logic emphasizes personal responsibility & choice for the child as well as *logical* consequences should a poor choice be made. Rather than yelling, lecturing, or threats, the teacher or parent can allow the child to own their mistakes and they can do so without expending unnecessary energy fighting them.

#### Why did DaVinci invest?

- Desire to have a schoolwide cohesive structure for classroom management.
- Well researched and widely backed.
- Matches our Davinci philosophy that encourages personal responsibility and problem solving.

#### What have we implemented so far?

1. Neutralizing Arguments
  - a. Ex. "I care about you too much to argue" and "I hear you, and what did I say?"
2. Delayed Consequences
  - a. Ex. "Oh, no. This is sad. I'm going to have to do something about this. But not now...later...try not to worry about it."
3. Empathy FIRST
  - a. Ex. "How sad." or "That's a bummer!" and then "What are you going to do about it?"

Mark your calendars: Parenting class in February

To learn more go to: [loveandlogic.com](http://loveandlogic.com)

# SAY THIS, NOT THAT

## Setting enforceable limits

<i>Try...</i>	<i>Instead of...</i>
<i>"I'll listen as soon as your voice is calm and respectful."</i>	<i>"Don't talk to me like that! You better show some respect."</i>
<i>"Snack is served at 9:30. Eat as much as you need to hold you until lunch."</i>	<i>"Do not ask me for another snack. You aren't getting anything if you keep complaining!"</i>
<i>"I'll serve lunch as soon as you're sitting quietly in your chair."</i>	<i>"Stop whining! You better be quiet if you want some lunch."</i>
<i>"Feel free to join our game as soon as you are calm."</i>	<i>"Don't dare come back to this game until you show some manners!"</i>