



COOPERATION

3rd Grade Family Connection

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Overview

This month's focus is Cooperation. One way to think about Cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals." As a family, talk about how this definition applies to how you work together at home. What are some goals you share?

Cooperation is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Kind. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

In The Classroom

Considering someone else's point of view is important when Cooperating with others. Alongside Cooperation, our focus in 3rd grade this month is perspective-taking. Perspective-taking is the ability to consider a situation from the other person's point of view.

Perspective-taking skills we are building include:

- Working to understand what others may be seeing, thinking, or feeling in different situations
- Considering how best to respond after understanding other people's points of view

One of the best ways to teach is to role model! Practice perspective-taking with your students through questions like, "What was that like for you?" or "What do you think made you feel that way?"

Conversation Starters

- What does Cooperation mean in your own words?
- How does perspective-taking help us when Cooperating with others?



Reflect:



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PurposeFull Pursuits

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Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Cooperation. Here are 3 "PurposeFull Pursuits" for you to complete together. How many can you do this month?

Pursuit #1

This week, plan a time where everyone needs to work together to accomplish a shared goal like cleaning up the space you live in or making a meal together. Make sure everyone has a role to play with specific tasks. When the project is complete, discuss and celebrate how each person's part was important to the end result.

Pursuit #2

Review Cooperation as a family! Search through your cupboards for some board games your family has not played in a while, or grab a deck of cards for a simple game of Go Fish. Pop some popcorn and have fun playing together! Look for moments of Cooperation that you can point out.

For example:

- Choosing which game to play
- Handling wins and losses
- Choosing who gets to go first
- Working together to solve a problem



Pursuit #3

Find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice Cooperation. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Cooperation as you take turns and listen to each other.

Celebration Prompts:



- What family member(s) do you want to celebrate for their Cooperation this month?
- Share about a time when you Cooperated well with someone by working to see their perspective on something.

