

September 17, 2013

Dear Families:

We completed our first social skill 'Listening'. Our next social skill is 'Following Directions'. This pairs perfectly with our first skill that was taught last week. On the back you will find the 'Following Directions' skill along with the steps the students learn regarding how to apply 'Following Directions'. Please reinforce these steps at home to help your child make the connection from home to school. Not every skill applies to each child; however, we teach them as a class so students can support one another in using the steps properly. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,
Ms. DeSoucey
Ms. Marks

Skill this Week



Skill 10: Following Directions

STEPS

1. Listen.

Review Listening (Skill 1). Discuss the importance of having children show that they are listening.

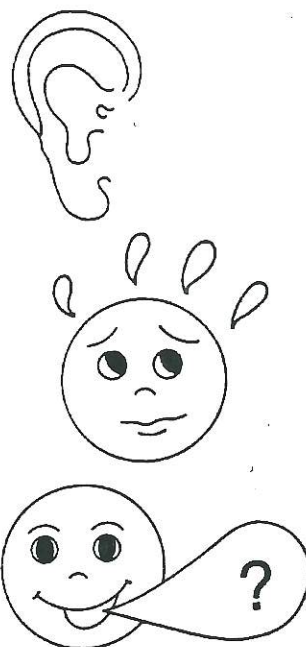
2. Think about it.

Remind the children to think about what is being said.

3. Ask if needed.

Encourage children to ask questions about anything they don't understand. (Review or teach Skill 9, Asking a Question).

4. Do it.



SUGGESTED SITUATIONS

School: Your teacher gives you the directions to do some work at a learning center.

Home: A parent gives you directions to make a snack.

Peer group: A friend tells you how to play a game.

COMMENTS

Sometimes directions given to young children are too complex for them to complete successfully. Give directions consisting of only one or two steps until the children are familiar with following directions. It's helpful to preface a direction with a consistent cue, such as "Here's the direction."