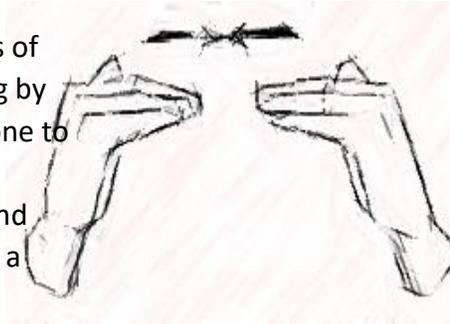


FAIRNESS

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Fairness means acting in a just way and making decisions, especially important ones, on the basis of evidence rather than prejudice. It means “playing by the rules” and standing up for the right of everyone to be treated equally and honestly.

To understand the importance of being honest and fair, children need to learn that living together in a family, community or even a nation depends on mutual trust. Without honesty and fairness, trusting each other becomes very difficult, and families—and societies—fall apart.



“It is reasonable that everyone who asks justice should do justice.”

Thomas Jefferson

“Fair is not everyone getting the same but everyone getting what they need to be successful.”



Play by the rules. Take turns and share. Be open-minded; listen to others. Don't take advantage of others. Don't blame others carelessly.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

★ Discuss fairness (chances are that your child will bring it up) in different situations. For example, how do we show fairness in our family? What does fairness mean to the community? What were standards of fairness in the past?

★ Talk about how you try to be fair in your life and work. What issues of justice have you wrestled with? Your child will be particularly interested in talking with you about these things. Kids love to copy their parents, and this is a good way to let them do it.

Ponder This... 

- “It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.” - Eleanor Roosevelt
 - Discuss with your child the meaning of this quote by a former First Lady who dedicated her life to improving the quality of people’s lives around the world.
- Have your child brainstorm situations they see as unfair and then come up with some solutions together.
- If time permits, help your child write their own quote about justice and fairness to post on the fridge. For example, “Always be fair and square”.

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