

ON PARENTING

Let your children help you work, even if it slows you down.

Enjoy at least one meal a day when the entire family is in attendance.

Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.

Resist comparing your children to their siblings or other children.

Really listen to your children, let them know that you understand and emphasize with their feelings.

Get to know your child's teachers.

Learn the rules of any sport your children participate.

Set aside your dreams for your children to obtain their own dreams.

Treat your children with the same respect that you want them to give to you.

Don't over schedule your child's extracurricular activities.

Attend your children's first day of school, school plays, and athletic contests.

Encourage any child over the age of five to have a library card.

Treasure your children for what they are and not what you want them to be.

Take a holiday and family photograph every year.

Make the rules for your children clear, fair, and consistent.

Remind your children constantly, that no matter what happens, you will always be there for them.

When you make a mistake, admit it and apologize.

Let your children observe you being generous to those in need.

Criticize the behavior, not the child.

Put a hoop on your driveway.

Teach your children not to underestimate someone with a disability.

Frame anything that your child brings home from school.

Convince your children that your love is not based upon their performance.

Judge your success as a parent to the degree that your children feel safe, wanted, and loved.

Teach your child that when he divides something, the other kid gets first pick.

Acknowledge even the smallest of improvements made by your child.

Allow your children to feel the consequences of their own actions.

Spend twice as much time praising your child as you do criticizing.