

SOCIAL SKILLS

SOCIAL STORIES

My School is Closed Today

[https://www.publicboard.ca/News/HomeStudyandStudentCurriculumResources/Documents/My+School+is+Closed+Today-material_9513263%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.publicboard.ca/News/HomeStudyandStudentCurriculumResources/Documents/My+School+is+Closed+Today-material_9513263%20(1).pdf)

Carol Gray – Pandemics

<https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf>

For younger students:

<https://littlepuddins.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf>

Older students – explains Coronavirus in plain language:

<https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Plain-Language-Information-on-Coronavirus.pdf>

[Social Story](#)

[CoVid Social Story](#)

CONVERSATION SKILLS

Do2learn Website has great activities to explicitly teach social skills.

Start with tone and volume:

<https://do2learn.com/ToneOfVoiceVolumeControl.htm>

Starting a conversation:

<https://do2learn.com/StartingAConversation.htm>

Reciprocal conversation

<https://do2learn.com/ReciprocalConversation.htm>

Or choose something more appropriate for the needs of your child:

<https://do2learn.com/SocialSkills/CommunicationSkills/index.htm>

TABLE MANNERS

There are many activities available here:

<https://www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/miscellaneous/posters/index.htm>

Another good video lesson on table manners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdF5LAmhG2Y>

Crawford the Cat teaches good table manners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgqstuYx4wE>

Regularly review good table manners and proper setting of table. Practice at every meal.

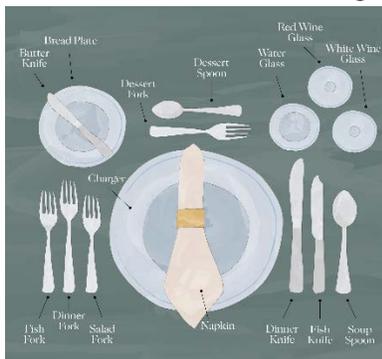
Properly setting a table:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoU1XiQJ1vo>

A matching activity can be made to assist with setting the table:

[Place Setting Template](#)

A more advanced table setting:



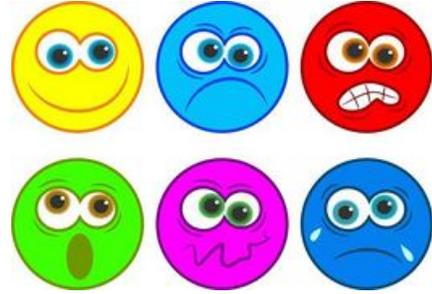
SOCIAL DISTANCING

Personal Space Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cMdf9FfnT5A>

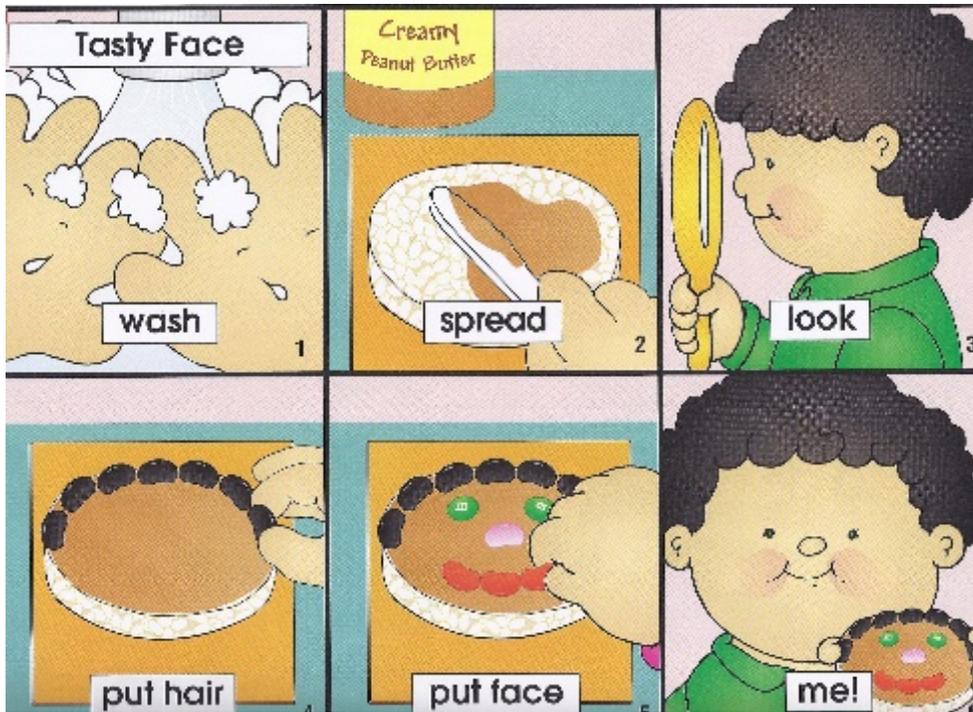
SIMON SAYS - FEELINGS

Play Simon says with your child substituting feeling phrases for the usual directions. For example, say: "Simon says, look happy." In between commands you can ask them questions about those feelings, such as "What makes you feel happy?"



RICE CAKE FACES

Spread with peanut butter, use raisins, red hots, chocolate chips, nuts, etc. to make own face for snacks. Have your child choose an emotion to convey. A similar idea can be used for English muffin pizzas.



Paper Plate Emotion Masks

Create paper plate emotion masks (see picture below). Create a list or talk about when you might feel each emotion.

*Click the image to bring you to the website.

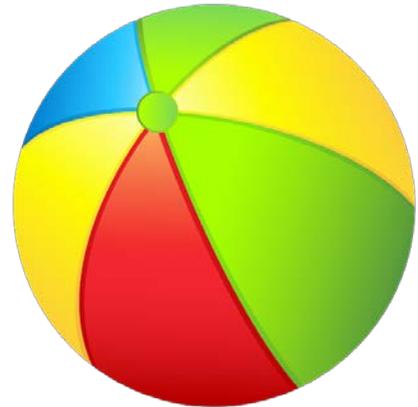


EMOTION BALLOONS

These are balloons filled with rice or playdough, with faces drawn on with Sharpie markers. These are a great for identifying and discussing emotions as well as giving those little finger muscles a good work out!

THE CONVERSATION BALL

You will need a ball for this game (or something else easy to toss and catch). Have your family stand in a circle. Ask a simple question like, "What is your favorite color?", and give the ball to the first person. That person answers the question and tosses the ball to another person. When that person has the ball, he or she is allowed to talk/answer the question; otherwise, others must wait patiently. If someone catches the ball but has already given an answer, he or she must pass the ball without re-answering the question. You can build this game up to a point where the person with the ball answers the previous question and then asks a new one. This will encourage everyone to pay attention to each other as the ball is thrown.



TAKING TURNS

Play a board game or a card game that requires turn taking. Use vocabulary like 'my turn,' 'your turn,' 'wait for your turn' and praise all the players at the table when they wait for others to take a turn.



MAD and SAD SORTING ACTIVITY

Have your child sort the emotions pictures into either a MAD pile or a SAD pile. Click the picture or [here](#) for the printable PDF.

PLEASE and THANK YOU

Watch the video of the Berenstain Bears and discuss why it is important to remember to say “please” and “thank you”.



The Berenstain Bears - Say Please And Thank You (1-2)