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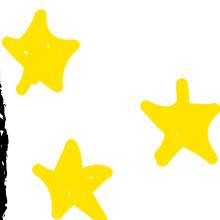


Classroom (and Home) Jobs

We are learning about responsibility. Everyone is helping with jobs in our program. You can work on responsibility at home, too!

Here are some things you can do at home:

- **Children like to be responsible for a job.** Think of jobs that are easy and important to your family. Examples might be: folding towels, putting the cereal box away, sweeping the floor or sidewalk, putting dishes in the sink or putting plates on the table for dinner. Write the jobs on pieces of paper. Put the pieces of paper in a bowl.
 - Have each person in your family pick out a job for the week. Make a simple chart with each job. Each time your child and other family members do their job, make a star on the chart!
 - Don't forget to pick new jobs each week. This helps children look forward to a new job. If the job your child has isn't their favorite, they know it is only for a few days! Think about adding new jobs on the pieces of paper occasionally.

<i>John</i>	<i>Mom</i>	<i>Carla</i>	<i>Grandmom</i>
<i>Fold towels</i>	<i>Plates on the table</i>	<i>Sweep the sidewalk</i>	<i>Dishes in the sink</i>
			

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- **When something new is in your family's schedule, think about how everyone can help.** For example, you might be having a birthday party at your house. Bring everyone together and think of all the jobs that need to be done to plan and get ready for the party. Some ideas for jobs:
 - Make a list of people you will invite,
 - Decide the day and time of the party,
 - Decide what you will have to eat, and
 - Choose the games you will play.
 - Decide which job needs to be done first, second, and so on (for example, deciding the day and time of the party comes before what food to serve). Decide which family members will work on each job.
 - Each job might have a few steps. Decide what they are. Getting food ready for a party might have steps like this:
 - Make a list of food for the party,
 - Make a shopping list,
 - Get the food,
 - Make the cake the day before the party, and
 - Put the food on the table before the party.

Children will learn that an event, such as a party, takes planning. There are lots of steps to work on. They will be proud when they see they were responsible for parts of the party!

Be sure to try this activity for other new things in your schedule like a trip, getting ready for a new baby, a visit from a relative or moving to a new home.