

## Parent Page



### The Talking Stick

We are learning about citizenship. We used a Talking Stick to practice cooperating and taking turns. This helps your child become a good citizen.

#### Here are some things you can do at home:

- **Make a Talking Stick with your child.** You will need:
  - A paper towel roll.
  - Tape.
  - Paper you and your child have colored, colorful newspaper ads or wrapping paper.

To make a Talking Stick:

- Flatten the paper towel roll, and fold in half lengthwise.
  - Wrap tape around the “stick” so it stays flat.
  - Cover the “Talking Stick” with colorful paper.  
Use tape to keep the paper on the stick.
- **Use the Talking Stick.** The Talking Stick helps us take turns talking and listening. It can be used different ways at home:
  - **Practice.** Explain you are going to use a Talking Stick at home, just as your child did at school! The person holding the stick may talk. If you do not have the stick, you are a listener.

Start by asking a simple question like “What is your favorite food?” Pass the Talking Stick to your child so they can answer. Then, your child can pass the stick to you or if there are others with you, to another person.

Try this with a few other questions such as: What is your favorite color? What is your favorite book or story? Then you can ask about other things like: “What happens in the story?” or “Tell me how you made your picture or project?”

- **Mealtime.** Use the Talking Stick to take turns talking during a meal. Pass the Talking Stick to the person who will tell about their day first. When they are finished, they pass the stick to someone else.