

SHARING IS CARING

Lesson

The social skill of **sharing** must be learned. Your two and three year olds may be very involved with their toys. The attachment to their toys is considered a form of ownership. With the concept of ownership comes respect for a child's choice to share or not share.



3 rules of sharing to help teach respect:

1. If you want to use something that belongs to someone else, you must ask first.
2. Have respect for yourself and for others. You don't have to say *yes* all the time, but don't simply say *no*. Suggestions: "Let's take turns" or "I'll let you use it as soon as I'm done."
3. Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have done unto you. Ask your child, "How would you feel if someone didn't share with you?"



Snack Time

Ingredients: A variety of snacks such as mixed nuts, grapes, carrots, celery stalks with peanut butter, popcorn, crackers, string cheese, milk, water, etc

***Sharing idea**-give each child a different snack and review the three rules of sharing. Ask them to share the snacks with each other.

Activity & Games

Coloring (2+ years)

Materials: Coloring book and one box of crayons to share.

Description: Have each child sitting near another while coloring in their own coloring book. Explain the usage of the one box of crayons that will need to be shared. Review the three rules of sharing.



Reading Time

- Sharing is Fun, by Joanna Cole
- Will Sheila share?, by Elivia Savadier
- The Boy Who Wouldn't Share, by Mike Reiss