# DISCIPLINE WITH LOVE & LOGIC

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#### DO YOU WANT TO HAVE MORE FUN PARENTING/TEACHING?



#### **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

What strategies can I add to my tool box that will minimize negative interactions, yet build positive relationships with my children/students?

## FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1. Preserve and enhance the child's selfconcept.
- 2. Teach children how to own and solve the problems they create.
- 3. Share the control and decision-making.
- 4. Combine consequences with high levels of empathy and warmth.
- 5. Build the adult-child relationship.



#### THE MOST POWERFUL PARENTS/TEACHERS

- Have high expectations
- Set firm limits
- Hold students accountable for their behavior
- Are very caring and kind
- Love kids and love teaching them

#### **LEARNING TARGETS**

- 1. I can use the One Sentence Intervention.
- 2. I can neutralize student arguing by using a Love and Logic one-liner.
- 3. I can use consequences with empathy.



#### **LEARNING TARGET 1**

## I can use the One Sentence Intervention.



#### **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**



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# Eye ContactSmileFriendly touch







#### PRAISE VS. ENCOURAGEMENT

#### Praise

- Vague or very general
- Describes our feelings
- Continues external locus of control

#### Encouragement

- Very specific feedback
- Describes the student's efforts
- Builds self-efficacy
- Teaches positive behaviors
- Builds internal locus of control

#### PRAISE VS. ENCOURAGEMENT

Praise sounds like:

✓ "This is great!"

"You did that very well"

✓You're awesome!

Encouragement sounds like:

 "You finished your math problems neatly!"

You stayed in your seat the whole time."

#### **BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS**

Think about:

Who is the toughest student you had this year? What does he do that pushes your buttons? What have you tried to change the negative behaviors?



#### "I NOTICED . . . " "I NOTICED THAT."

#### • I noticed . . .

OYou got new shoes/haircut/new dress. I noticed that.

OYou are a good climber on the playground. I noticed that.

OYou were kind to Suzie when you loaned her your pencil. I noticed that.OYou like to draw. I noticed that.



#### **POWERFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

- Students have to know that you care about them and their lives beyond the classroom.
- What happens when you take the time to know your students, especially the tough ones, their likes/dislikes, interests outside of school, what they're "good at."



#### **LEARNING TARGET 2**

# I can neutralize student arguing by using a Love and Logic one-liner.



## **END STUDENT ARGUING**

#### How much energy do you use arguing with students?



#### **END STUDENT ARGUING**

At 4:00 p.m. each day, do you ever feel like you've used up all of your energy on everybody else's kids . . . And have none left over for yourself or your family?



#### **GOING BRAIN DEAD**

#### • Step One: Go brain dead!





#### **BRAIN DEAD**

Step Two: Softly repeat a single Love and Logic one-liner.

- The teachers who are best at this skill are usually those who don't get creative. Don't get fancy. Just repeat the same thing.
- "I respect you too much to argue."
- ✓ "I know."
- "Thanks for sharing."
- "I bet it feels that way."
- "I'll listen when your voice is calm."
- "I argue at 12:15 and 3:15 daily. Your choice."

The most effective teachers are those who can repeat their oneliner in a very sincere, non-emotional manner. The message is: I really do like you. In fact, I like you so much that I'm not willing to let you manipulate me.



#### **GOING BRAIN DEAD**

- What are some of the statements you've heard students say to hook you into an argument?
- What's your "Brain Dead" phrase?
- Let's Practice!



**LEARNING TARGET 3** 

# I can use consequences with empathy.

nurturing love caring empathy relating understanding communication



#### CONSEQUENCES WITH EMPATHY CORE OF LOVE AND LOGIC

- Our words and actions bring students into either thinking mode . . . or survival mode.
- Empathy opens the mind and heart to learning.
- Empathy without holding kids accountable erodes responsibility and self-concept.
- Empathy followed by logical consequences builds responsibility.
- Delivery with sincerity, NOT sarcasm.
- Always send it BEFORE describing the consequence.
- Keep it SIMPLE.



#### **EMPATHY**

The most successful teachers and parents delivered a strong dose of empathy, or sadness for the child, before they described the consequence.

- How sad.
- This has got to be so hard.

Your turn.

What is your empathic statement?

#### **EMPATHY**

- Deliver empathy with sincerity.
- Message is, "I care about you."
- Empathy makes the child's poor decision the "bad guy" while keeping the adult the "good guy."
- The child has a harder time blaming the adult for the problem.
- Empathy cuts down on the likelihood of the child going for revenge or deciding to avoid the adult.







#### TOM HERNER (NASDE PRESIDENT) COUNTERPOINT 1998 P. 2

- "If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach."
- "If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach."
- "If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach."
- "If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach."
- If a child doesn't know how to behave,
- we.....teach?.....punish?

"Why can't we finish the last sentence as automatically as we do the others?"

#### FINAL WORDS

- Build Relationships!
- Go Brain Dead
- Empathy
- Remember: Who can you control?
- Teach students the expectations.



#### RESOURCES





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