**Encouraging Positive Behaviors at Home­**

At school, we have a few simple ideas we use to guide how we all work together, both children and adults. We call these our expectations. These expectations guide how we act and talk with each other in every part of our school building and school day. These same expectations can be useful at home. You might find this type of chart useful to help guide your child’s positive behavior at home. Using the chart below, you and your child can create your own, personalized chart with expectations for how your family will care for each other at home. Though this chart could be used with children of any age, the example chart was written with elementary and middle school children in mind.

**Directions:** Add your school’s behavior expectations, and/or your family’s expectations, in the first column. Decide which places or times of day you want to focus on. It’s a good idea start with a time of day when your child is already behaving well. For example, if your child is pretty good at following your expectations in the morning, focus on that time first. Talk to your child about what it looks like to follow the expectations at home. Every family’s expectations might be a little different, and that’s okay! Give your child examples to get them started and share your own, too. Take your time and go through each expectation one at a time. Then, talk through other times of day, like mealtimes, when you are at the grocery store, or at bedtime. Write what you and your child decide are good behaviors in each box at various times of the day. It is best to stick to 1-3 behaviors in each box. The example on page 3 will give you some ideas for how to use the chart. A blank chart is on page two for you to use with your family. Consider sharing your family’s chart with your child’s teachers so they know how you are supporting positive behaviors at home!

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**Positive Behaviors Chart**

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| **Write in your expectations below** | **Time**  **(Use the times and places below or write in your own.)** | | | |
| **Morning** | **Mealtimes** | **Bedtime** | **Out in the Community** |
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# **The *Example* Family’s Positive Behavior Chart**

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| **Write in your**  **expectations below** | **Time** | | | |
| **(You may use your school’s expectations to get started)** | **Morning** | **Mealtimes** | **Bedtime** | **Out in the Community** |
| **Be Respectful** | **Say “Good Morning”**  **animated image of a little girl saying good morning**  Good  Morning! | **Sit at table to eat**  **A dining room table** | **Get in bed on time**  Image result for clock 7 | **Wait for your turn**  **A group of children standing in line waiting their turn** |
| **Be Responsible** | **Wash hands**  **before meal**  **A person washing their hands** | **Clean up your area**  **when finished** | **Brush your teeth**  **a green toothbrush** | **Stay with an adult**  **An adult and child holding hands standing on a sidewalk** |
| **Be Safe** | **Walk on sidewalk to**  **meet the school bus**  **a child walking on a gravel path to school bus** | **Be careful using**  **sharp utensils**  **A fork and knife** | **Pick up toys**  **off the floor**  **Small toys scattered on floor** | **Look before**  **crossing the street**  **A close up of a green traffic light walk sign** |