



Helpful Tips:

For Encouraging the Positive

1. Acknowledging the effort is just as important as praising when the task or activity is complete
2. Provide feedback that is specific and not judgmental
3. Use the child's name when providing feedback or encouragement
4. Recognize the child's assets and strengths
5. Focus on the positive things children are doing to create a positive classroom climate
6. Give children opportunities to recognize the accomplishments of their peers and teachers
7. Celebrate successes no matter how small!

Examples	
Good	vs. Great
Good job	<i>Gavin, you are such a good helper you cleaned up all the blocks!</i>
You got it	<i>Haylie, you did an excellent job solving that problem!</i>
Thumbs up	<i>Parker, you did a great job listening at story today!</i>
Thank you	<i>Sarah, I am so proud of you for waiting for Max to come up the ramp...what a great friend you are!</i>
Nice work	<i>Jacob, you worked so hard on your artwork today...I love it!!</i>
Great	<i>Maria and Patrick are being so safe on the bikes today!</i>
Wow	<i>Marcus, I can not believe you remembered that rule all by yourself...what a smart boy you are!</i>