

To Get Success, Expect It!

Whether they do it consciously or not, children work hard to do what they believe is expected of them. So tell your child, and show him, what you expect—and you'll get results. To make the most of your expectations:

- **Choose carefully.** Make sure your expectations are reasonable. If your child has been getting D's in math, don't expect him to get an A+ on the test tomorrow.
- **Show your child what you expect.** Go over expected behaviors that cover different places and situations—home, school, homework, shopping, visiting friends, etc.
- **Be consistent, but flexible.** Don't change your expectations just because you've had a rough day. But be ready to reevaluate and make changes if



your expectations are not realistically within your child's reach.

- **Don't forget to celebrate success.** Give praise when it's due. "Your teacher tells me you were very kind to the new boy in your class. I'm so proud of you."

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