

Positive Approach Suggestions

Always use positive language instead of negatives. Tell them **what to do** instead of **what not to do**.

What to say to the child	What not to say to the child
Sit down when you slide	Don't stand up when you slide
Dig in the sand	Don't throw the sand
Sit on the swing	Don't stand on the swing
Use both hands when you climb	You'll fall if you don't hold on
Keep the puzzle on the mat / table	Don't drop the pieces on the floor
Be sure the ladder is safe	Be careful, you may fall
Sit on your chair	Don't stand on the chair
Move back on the mat	Don't sit off the mat
Wipe your brush on the paint pot	Don't drip paint
Time to go inside	Don't you want to go inside?
Drink your milk and come out and play	Don't fiddle. Drink your milk
Now, we will have a story	Would you like a story? / Do you want a story?
<i>This</i> will be the last turn	<i>That</i> was the last turn
Finish what you are making then pack away	<i>All</i> pack away <i>now</i>
Music time is "listening time"	That is too noisy
Mat time is "quiet time"	No noise on the mat
Blocks are for building	We don't throw blocks
Shut the door quietly please	Don't slam the door
Put that stone on the ground	Don't throw the stone at your brother
Hold your glass with two hands please	Don't spill your drink

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