



Effective Praise Practices

- Use the child’s name when providing feedback or encouragement.
- Provide feedback that is specific.
- Acknowledge effort (not just when something is completed or done correctly).
- Recognize the child’s strengths.
- Focus on the positive things the child is doing to create a positive classroom climate.
- Give children the opportunity to recognize others.
- Be sincere.
- Praise often.

Examples

Good	vs.	Great!!
Good Job		Matt, you are such a good helper you cleaned up all the cars!
You got it		Hayden, you did an excellent job solving that problem with Sofia!
Thumbs up		Avery, you did a great job sitting and listening to our story today!
Thank you		Sarah, I am so proud of you for waiting for Max to come up the ramp...what a great friend you are!
Nice Work		Jacob, you worked so hard on your art project today, I bet mommy will love it!!
Great		Julio and Sloane you are both being so safe on the slide today!
Wow		Peter, I can not believe you remembered that rule all by yourself...what a smart boy you are!