

Teach Your Child Responsibility Through Household Chores



In the past, children had to do their chores. Their work was the only way a family could survive. Today, there are other important reasons why children should share the family workload. It builds a feeling of family.

Even more important, teachers say that children who have learned to accept jobs at home are better able to accept being in charge of their own learning.

Here are some tips on ways you can use chores to teach responsibility:

- **Let your child have some choices.** Allow your child to choose whether to walk the dog or fold the clothes. Offer choices about when your child works on chores.
- **Do not do anything for your child that she can do for herself.**
- **Make sure your child picks up after herself.**
- **Praise your child for effort.** Say, “Good job!” (Not, “Good girl!”)
- **Break large tasks into small ones.** This is a skill to teach your child for homework as well as for chores.

