



## **Teaching Leadership**

While leadership skills can come naturally, students learn lessons along the way that significantly impacts them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. To witness a Well-Adjusted young adult, teach Your Students Early About the Value of Reputation

Here are 7 great tips to help you instill the right skills in the future leaders in your classroom.

### **1. Set a good example.**

As a Teacher, you realize the importance of setting a good example for your classroom. This is even truer of your role as a parent. By allowing your student to see how well you balance your classroom, you'll teach them accountability through effective leadership.

### **2. Encourage team activities.**

Early on, identify your student's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it's joining a scouting troop, participating in sports or joining the school band, students learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.

### **3. Stress perseverance.**

The best leaders learn to handle failure as gracefully as they handle success. It's important to expose future leaders to disappointment rather than protecting them from it. Students need to learn to handle the loss and move forward when the other team wins or someone else is elected class president.

### **4. Build negotiation skills.**

Every good leader knows the skill of compromise. Instead of giving your student a firm "yes" or "no" to a request, make an offer and allow them to counter that offer by offering solid points. Teach them negotiation skills like never giving up something without asking for something else in return.

### **5. Hone decision-making abilities.**

Students should learn how to make good decisions as early in life as possible. Because students become overwhelmed by too many choices, narrow down the options to two or three, whether a child is deciding on afternoon activities or a movie to watch. My friend says "Teach your student to weigh the pros and cons of each option in order to make the most informed decision possible. This will help them to make correct decisions in everyday life."

#### **6. Practice confident communication.**

When you go to a field trip, do you place orders for your student? You can actually turn a simple lunch into a confidence-building exercise by having your student speak directly to servers. Allowing them to order and speak directly to servers will help them gain confidence in themselves and be able to communicate what they need.

#### **7. Encourage work.**

Often a student is eager to begin working in some capacity. If your students want to set up a fundraising project, support them and encourage it. Once your students are old enough, they can take on work opportunities like babysitting and mowing neighborhood yard. These early jobs can be essential to building leadership skills in students.