Encouraging the Positive Handout with tips on positive feedback for both infants and toddlers.

Encouraging the Positive!

- Acknowledging the effort is just as important as praising when the task or activity is complete.
- Provide feedback that is specific and not judgmental.
- Use the child's name when providing feedback or encouragement.
- Recognize the child's assets and strengths.
- Focus on the positive things children are doing to create a positive classroom climate.
- Give children opportunities to recognize the accomplishments of their peers and teachers.
- Celebrate successes no matter how small!

| | Examples |
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| Good | Great |
| Good job | Gavin, you are such a good helper. You cleaned up all the blocks! |
| You got it | Haylie, you did an excellent job solving that problem! |
| Thumbs up | Parker, you did a great job listening at 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 artwork today. I love it! |
| Great | Maria and Patrick are being so safe on the bikes today! |
| Wow | Marcus, I can not believe you remembered that rule all by yourself. What a smart boy you are! |

