

PATHS

Home Activity

Complimenting Your Child

PATHS is designed to build children's self-esteem and encourage children to support and respect others. In the first unit of PATHS children are learning the meaning of the word "compliment."



We introduced compliments to your child as "A nice thing we say to someone about him or her. It is a way we let someone know what we like about him or her."

For example:

"You look really great in those shoes!" or "You are really good at kicking the ball."

Children who hear compliments from their teachers and at home know they are valued and respected.

You can help us teach your child about compliments by using them at home. Later this year, we will introduce four types of compliments to children:

- The way you **look**
- Things you **have**
- Things you **do** well
- The way you **are**.

Common ways to compliment:

- The way someone LOOKS:
"Wow, you look so nice today!"
- Something someone HAS:
"I like your new toy."
- Something someone DOES:
"You really tidied up quickly."
- The way someone IS:
"I like the way you were gentle with the kitten."

