

## Dealing with a Preschooler and a Bad Attitude

Many times when a preschooler has a bad attitude, it is a by product of a bigger issue. We as teachers have the responsibility and the privilege of helping boys and girls learn to control their emotions. How do we get their attention, teach them and train them to have better attitudes?

Here are a few suggestions (taken from Teacher Tips by Mimi Bullock)

- 1. Respond correctly to a poor attitude.** Eye rolls, talking to themselves and scowling are three bad attitudes in kids. Rather than responding in kind, challenge kids with respect. Tell them, 'Say that again please, without the eye roll.' Do it again until the attitude has changed.
- 2. Ask again, respectfully.** Scolding a child for being selfish will not change the problem; train them with practice. 'Ask me respectfully' is coaching the preschooler to pose his question nicely.
- 3. Don't be afraid to challenge bad behavior.** What we permit, we get. Don't permit a bad attitude to take over your class. Teach kids to be thankful, train them to be gracious.