

Think Positive!

Children need lots of positive encouragement to build their self esteem. When they come from someone important, like an Akela, words of praise means a lot to a kid. For every negative comment - like "NO", "STOP", "DON'T...", or "QUIET!", you should use at least four positive statements like these from the Orange County Council:

<i>I like you!</i>	<i>I can tell you really worked on this.</i>
<i>Way to go!</i>	<i>I'm glad you're here today!</i>
<i>Sensational!!</i>	<i>I'm glad you're in my den!</i>
<i>That's right!</i>	<i>That was the best ever!</i>
<i>Super!</i>	<i>I thought of you during the week.</i>
<i>Great!</i>	<i>You must have been practicing.</i>
<i>Nice job!</i>	<i>You figured that out fast.</i>
<i>Fantastic!</i>	<i>I knew you could do it!</i>
<i>Outstanding!</i>	<i>Now you've got the hang of it.</i>
<i>I'm proud of you!</i>	<i>You're really sharp today!</i>
<i>Good thinking!</i>	<i>I like the way you did that.</i>
<i>WOW!</i>	<i>Thank you for helping.</i>
<i>I think you're neat!</i>	<i>I'm glad you thought of that.</i>
<i>You are a good listener.</i>	<i>You're on the right track now.</i>