

TIPS TO RESPECT MY PARENTS

Civics and Ethics Class

1.- When at times you feel that your parents don't listen or don't take you seriously, take a moment to think about what you want them to know and discuss your problems **calmly** with them and **make sure you listen to their side of the story**.

Avoid arguments with them even if sometimes they seem unfair. Remember that above all, it's your parents that should make the **final decision for you** and that it's inappropriate for you to try and have the last word. A mature approach on your part includes **having a calm and respectful attitude at the end** of the conversation and accept that as they are your parents, their will must be your way.

In time this will earn their trust in you, and it will demonstrate to them that you are well on your way to becoming a competent well rounded individual who will soon **be capable of making your own good decisions**, and be responsible for your actions. **Don't talk back to your parents** because when they are strict they are only trying to teach you responsibility and they only want the best for you.

2.- Remember that one of the most important things you can do for your parents is **to be a loving person**.

Parents by nature need to know and feel that their children have a great love for them. **Be affectionate and give them just as many hugs and kisses as** they give you, and do it as often as you wish. There never **need be a special occasion** reserved for doing this. Love costs nothing, and you can and should want to give it freely. It's what **all parents hope and wish** for from their beloved children, and I promise you this, the warm feeling you get in your heart for such acts as these last a lifetime.

3.- Remember that new clothes, toys, cell phones, and money allowances are always nice, but **be aware of your parents' income** and how much they can afford to spend on the things that they buy **for your enjoyment**.

If at all possible, **help them out**. **Save some money to help pay** for a portion of your clothing and entertainment. Show them that they have taught you a great value!

4.- It's a given that sometimes **your parents may seem totally clueless** and you may feel like they can't possibly relate to the things your dealing with currently, But believe what I say, **they actually do understand** some of the things that your going through like **peer pressure, friendship issues, and a lot of other things** that kids your age has to deal with simply because **they were once a kid just like you**. But "**NEVER**" be afraid of **discussing problems** that you are having with your parents.

You have to tell them if you have issues, **they can't help you with things they aren't aware of**. It's their job as a parent to help you through things.