

9 Smart Ways to Grow Leaders from Preschool on Up



Children are capable of so much, and parents don't want to miss opportunities to foster essential skills in their little ones. Starting from birth, parents are kids' first teachers – and the stakes are high.

Fortunately, in partnership with [Knappa School District](#), you can set your child up for success. Start with these strategies for teaching leadership from a young age, and your little one will be a trailblazer at every stage.

Give Your Little Leader the Power

Trusting children – and listening to them – is instrumental for developing leadership abilities. Kids who feel heard, valued, and understood want those things for their peers, too.

- Involve kids in the changing dynamic that is [distance learning](#) – and find out their feelings and opinions.
- Give your child [choices](#) whenever possible so they learn the value of decision making.
- Allow your little one opportunities for [entrepreneurship](#) to help their skills grow.

Teach Related Skills to Boost Leader Qualities

What makes a good leader? Most people will answer that a good leader communicates well, respects and listens to others, and possesses a high level of integrity.

- Work on [improving communication](#) skills with low-stakes games and activities.
- Designate age-appropriate [responsibilities](#) to promote independence and decision-making.
- Train kids to develop [honesty and integrity](#) through daily living.

Showcase Leadership by Example

Setting examples in behavior, character traits, and even food preferences can make a significant impact on kids' perceptions and their paths in life. Exhibiting leadership skills shows your child how he or she can affect change, too.

- In true leadership fashion, take steps toward pursuing [higher education](#) to grow your career possibilities.
- [Volunteer](#) – either with your children or solo – to ingrain a service- and team-oriented mindset.
- Work on your [listening skills](#) so that your child learns through experience that every person's opinion matters.

The good news for parents is that it's never too late to teach a child something new. No matter what age your kids are, there are plenty of strategies you can use to help cultivate leadership abilities in your young ones. Start with these resources, and you'll soon see a difference in your child's confidence and their ability to thoughtfully lead.

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