

Hello Esperanza Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to provide you with some essential information on Esperanza. We use a systematic school-based intervention that includes a detailed approach to classroom management and behavioral teaching, called BoysTown. Some important facts about BoysTown is:

- It builds relationships through skill teaching
- Focuses on environments, examples, and skill deficits
- Teaches replacement behaviors
- Greater emphasis on positive approaches
- Goal is lifelong social and emotional competence
- Flexibility enhances implementation

At Esperanza, we teach the core skills listed below, as well as additional skills based on school-wide need. Our skill posters are posted all throughout campus and you can find the BoysTown skill of the week on our bulletin board in our front office.

Following Instructions	Accepting Criticism or a Consequence
Accepting "No" for an Answer	Greeting Others
Getting the Teacher's Attention	Asking for Help
Disagreeing Appropriately	Making an Apology
Accepting Compliments	Having a Conversation
Asking Permission	Working with Others
Staying on Task	Sharing Something
Listening	Appropriate Voice Tone
Getting Calm (self-control strategies)	Choosing Appropriate Words to Say

In order to teach these skills we use the following outline each week. We encourage you to ask questions to your child(ren) and continue the conversation.

Monday- Introduce the skill (provide the steps to the skill)

Tuesday- Review and role-play how the skill can be used in the **classroom**

Wednesday- Review and role-play how the skill can be used **school-wide**

Thursday- Review and role-play how the skill can be used in the **community**

Friday- Review and discuss opportunities students have used the skill over the past week and evaluate how it went

