

HOME CONNECTS

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Social-Emotional Learning Objectives:

- Help students take action to solve problems in a positive way.
- Encourage students to solve problems collaboratively.
- Develop strategies to help motivate others when they are faced with potential problems and want to give up.

Let's Chat Conversation Questions:

- Write down a problem or issue you have at home or school?
- Give examples of solving this problem in a productive way.
- How do you feel after you fix the problem?

Respectful Ways Q&A:

- Q:** Why is it important to be a positive problem solver?
- A:** *Being a problem solver is important because it helps you develop the skills to persevere despite being faced with challenges.*
- Q:** What are the key characteristics of a good problem solver?
- A:** *The ability to identify the problem, develop multiple solutions, identify the pros and cons of each solution, and the courage to act, are all characteristics of a positive problem solver.*

Home Connects Activity Ideas:

- Read problem solving stories together such as ***Where The Wild Things Are***, ***Jamaica's Find***, or ***Hatchet***. Ask your child to identify the problem in the story and how it was solved.
- Try some do-it-yourself projects together. Not handy? No problem. Learn together. In fact, the more your child sees you in action, problem solving step by step, the more of a problem solver your child will become.
- Make problem solving a fun part of the culture of your home. We all run into problems, why not make, "tackling family challenges with a positive attitude" your household motto!