

Infants & Toddlers

a letter to families

Turn-taking is a very puzzling concept for little children. They want what they want, and they want it right away, whether it's a turn on the seesaw, a bit of snack food, or crayons to scribble with. To help us support your child's turn-taking abilities in school, we hope you'll share any information you can about his turn-taking style at home. Please fill in the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

1. At mealtimes, how do you help your child wait for a turn to talk and to listen to what others in the family are saying? _____

2. During play dates, how do you explain turn-taking with toys and activities to your toddler?

3. When your little one's words are really hard to understand, how do you help him feel comfortable taking his turn to talk with family members? _____

4. When your toddler is playing with a peer and not paying attention to what her friend says, how do you help her focus on what her friend is saying before adding something new to the conversation?

5. Do you have any "magic words" you use to remind your little one that he must wait to take a turn in play and in conversations? _____
