

NEW WAYS TO TALK ABOUT CHILDREN

It is fun and helpful to think of positive sides of qualities that are often assumed to be problems in classrooms. As you go through the process, you will experience the renewal of your sense of the child's potential. Children prosper in our renewed affirmation of them. Parents recognize when learned teachers make the effort to reach their child in a positive and meaningful way. Below are some new ways of describing particular behaviors often viewed as negative.

Quiet	Inner directed
Bossy	Good director/leader
Clingy	Connected
Tattle-tail	Justice seeker
Stubborn	Focused/committed/determined
Fussy about food/clothing	Discriminating
Talks back	Courageous/honest
Too talkative	Relates well
Finicky eater	Future gourmet/discriminating
Doodles	Creative
Dawdles	Easy going
Nosey	High curiosity
Naughty	Likes attention/independent/assertive/persistent
Mouthy	Expressive
Spoiled	Loved
Mean	Power-seeker
Crabby	Speaks out needs
Wants attention	Speaks out needs
Sneaky	Inventive
Compulsive	Efficient
Silly	Fun loving
Goofy	Untamed creativity
Loud	Expressive
Plain	Natural
Shy	Inner directed
Timid	Careful
Dependent	Connected
Domineering	Charismatic
Conceited	Self-loving
Fearful	Careful risk taker
Foolish	Fun loving
Rigid	High sense of order
Guarded	Watchfully observant
Hysterical	High level of emotionality