

KINDERPLATZ GUIDE TO CONVERSING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

APPROPRIATE

Blocks are for building.
Ask if your friend is alright.
This belongs in the kitchen (hand it to them).
When you are finished __ would like a turn.
It's your turn to go potty; come with me.
You may do...
What do you choose?
Socks and shoes belong on your feet.
Sand belongs in the sandbox.
Pretend food goes under your chin.
We sit in chairs.
Feet belong on the floor.
Teachers open doors at school.
Sit with your tummy up to the table.
We chew with our mouths closed.
That must make you very proud.
Sit on your bottom and cross your legs.
Put your work away.
Come stand by my toes.
We walk inside the school.
Use your quiet voice.
You need to lie down on your mat.
Food belongs on the table.
Touch people gently.
Hands belong in your lap.
Your teeth are for biting food.

INAPPROPRIATE

Don't knock down the blocks!
Say you're sorry.
Would you pick up these toys?
We have to share.
Do you need to go potty?
Would you like to, or do you need to...?
Take a break.
Don't take your shoes off again!
Don't dump the sand out!
Don't put that in your mouth!
Don't stand in the chair!
Don't stand on that!
Don't open that door!
Scoot up; you are spilling your food!
Oh, gross!
What a big boy or big girl.
Don't sit like that!
Don't leave that in the floor!
Line up at the door!
Don't run!
SHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!
"Lay down" is improper English!
Don't throw your food on the floor!
Don't hit your friends!
Get your hands off of him!
Oh my gosh, you bit her!