



Dear Families,

An important part of kindergarten readiness is having strong social-emotional skills. This includes knowing how to solve common social problems. Our classroom uses a tool called the *Solution Kit* that helps teach children to recognize a situation as a problem and then try different solutions. These visuals are available in our room as reminders.

The solution kit also comes in a home version with additional solutions relevant to situations that may occur at home. We have included a copy of the family solution kit with this letter.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Posting the family solution kit handout somewhere visible (e.g., on the refrigerator, on the child's bedroom door, etc.) and talking about what the different solutions are and what they mean.
- Pointing out when you are faced with a problem—any problem—and what solution you choose. For example, if you run out of paper towels, say out loud, “Oh no, I have a problem; I need a paper towel and there aren't any. What should my solution be?” Invite your child to help you come up with what you should do next. Doing this will help them learn the thought process for problem solving.
- Using the words **“problem”** and **“solution”** frequently to help your child become more familiar with those terms.

Please, feel free to ask us if you have any questions about the Solution Kit or how we address social-emotional development!





Queridas familias:

Una parte importante de la preparación para el jardín de infantes es el desarrollo de las habilidades socioemocionales, que consisten, entre otras cosas, en saber resolver situaciones sociales cotidianas. En el aula, utilizamos un recurso llamado el Kit de soluciones, para promover que los niños identifiquen un problema y prueben distintas soluciones. Estas imágenes se muestran en el aula a modo de recordatorio.

El kit de soluciones también viene en versión familiar con distintas soluciones que se adaptan a las situaciones que pueden ocurrir en casa. Junto con esta carta, les enviamos una copia del kit de soluciones para la familia.

Algunas maneras de promover el aprendizaje en casa:

- Exhibir el kit de soluciones para la familia en un lugar visible (p. ej. en el refrigerador, en la puerta de la habitación del niño, etc.) y conversar acerca de cuáles son las posibles soluciones y qué significan.
- Conversar sobre cualquier problema que se le presente y la solución que eligió. Por ejemplo, si se terminan las toallas de papel, pueden decir "Ay, no, tengo un problema; necesito toallas de papel y no hay ni una sola. ¿Cuál puede ser la solución?" Animen a los niños a proponer soluciones. Hacer esto los ayudará a desarrollar pensamiento crítico para la resolución de problemas
- Utilizar las palabras **"problema"** y **"solución"** a menudo para que el niño se familiarice con los términos.

Si tienen alguna pregunta sobre el Kit de soluciones o sobre cómo abordamos el desarrollo socioemocional de los niños, no duden en comunicarse con nosotros.



Solution Kit Instructions

- ▶ Print and cut the Solution Kit pictures or save to your computer to resize and print. You can make the cards sturdy by laminating, gluing the cards to cardboard, or covering them with clear contact paper.
- ▶ Read the *We Can Be Problem Solvers!* story with the children to teach the problem solving steps.
- ▶ Introduce the Solution Kit with a few solutions at a time.
- ▶ Place the solutions in a place where children will see and use them (e.g., hanging on the wall or in a basket).
- ▶ Remind children to use the Solution Kit when solving problems in class.
- ▶ Offer lots of encouragement when a child tries to use the Solution Kit.
- ▶ Comment positively when a child uses the Solution Kit (e.g., “Look at you. You are using the Solution Kit to solve your problem”).



Solution Kit Cards



Trade



Get a Teacher



Wait and take turns



Get a timer



Share



Play together



Say, "Please, stop."



Ask for help



Ask for a hug



Use kind words



Take a break



Ask nicely



Ignore



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Solution Kit Cards (Spanish)



Has un intercambio



Consigue un(a) maestro(a)



Espera y toma turnos



Consigue un reloj



Comparte



Juegan juntos



Di: "Por favor, para."



Pide ayuda



Pide un abrazo



Usa palabras amables



Toma un descanso



Pregunta amablemente



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Solution Kit: Classroom Edition (Large)

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Kit de soluciones:

Edición de aula

(Tarjetas grandes, español)

Instrucciones del Kit de soluciones

- ▶ Imprima y corte las imágenes del *Kit de soluciones* o baje este archivo a su computadora para cambiar el tamaño e imprimirlas. Usted puede reforzar las tarjetas al laminarlas, adherirlas a un cartón con goma, o forrarlas con papel adhesivo transparente.
- ▶ Lea la historia con guion *¡Nosotros podemos resolver problemas!* con sus estudiantes para enseñarles los pasos para resolver problemas.
- ▶ Introduzca el *Kit de soluciones* con pocas soluciones a la vez.
- ▶ Coloque las soluciones en un lugar que los estudiantes las vean y las usen (por ejemplo, colgadas en la pared, o dentro de una canasta).
- ▶ Recuérdele a los estudiantes que deben usar el *Kit de soluciones* cuando estén resolviendo problemas en el aula.
- ▶ Ofrezca mucho ánimo cuando un estudiante use el *Kit de soluciones*.
- ▶ Haga comentarios positivos cuando un estudiante use el *Kit de soluciones*. Por ejemplo, “Mírate, que bien. Estas usando el *Kit de soluciones* para resolver tu problema”.

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- ▶ Print and cut the Solution Kit pictures or save to your phone/device photos. You can make the cards sturdy by laminating, gluing the cards to cardboard, or covering them with clear contact paper.
- ▶ Read the *We Can Be Problem Solvers at Home!* story with your child to teach the problem solving steps.
- ▶ Introduce the Solution Kit with a few solutions at a time.
- ▶ Place the solutions in a place where your child will see and use them (e.g., hanging on the wall, saved to a tablet).
- ▶ Remind children to use the Solution Kit when solving problems at home.
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Instrucciones

- ▶ Imprima y corte las imágenes del Kit de soluciones o guárdelas en su teléfono o dispositivo electrónico. Puede hacer que las tarjetas sean más duraderas laminándolas, pegándolas en cartón o cubriéndolas con papel de contacto transparente.
- ▶ Lea la historia de ¡Nosotros podemos resolver problemas! con su hijo para enseñarle los pasos para resolver problemas.
- ▶ Presente el kit de soluciones con unas pocas soluciones a la vez.
- ▶ Coloque las soluciones en un lugar donde su hijo las vea y las use (por ejemplo, colgadas en la pared, guardadas en una tableta).
- ▶ Recuerde a los niños que usen el kit de soluciones para resolver problemas en casa.
- ▶ Ofrezca mucho ánimo cuando su hijo intente usar el Kit de soluciones.
- ▶ Haga comentarios positivos cuando su hijo use el Kit de soluciones (por ejemplo, “¡Mira! Estás usando el kit de soluciones para resolver tu problema”).



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