



## Creating Cooperative Classrooms

If you find that the members of your class are not cooperating on a regular basis, incorporate the following into your classroom and watch how things can change.

1. Set clear boundaries and follow through
2. Let the leadership change. Allow children to lead when appropriate
3. When appropriate, share the decision making with all class members
4. Make requests instead of issuing orders
5. Ask for help and advice
6. Give choices, when and where appropriate
7. Give lots of encouragement
8. Model the behavior you want
9. Catch them doing well and acknowledge it
10. Use circle time
11. Teach conflict resolution skills
12. Use consequences instead of punishment

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