

Cooperating with Other Children: Ages 4-5

Children who are able to cooperate well will:

- Build friendships
- Have skills to support development of a good work ethic



Ideas to try with your child:

- Model fair ways to take turns and share.
Divide out the pieces to a 10-12 piece puzzle. Work together to put the puzzle together. Say, "My turn. Your turn", "My turn, Nicole's turn, Michelle's turn, my turn."
- Provide activities or games that require more than one child to complete such as a backyard game of soccer or T-ball.

If your child is struggling:

Play with your child and include grandma or another adult in block building or playdough creations.

Talk about working together:

- "What tools do you need?" "I am using the roller and then you may have it."
- "May I have the square block when you are finished? Thank you."

Going further:

- Have on-going building projects with blocks, Legos or other building materials. Allow the building to stand until the next day. Celebrate how all worked together to build.
- Invite your child to draw a picture, write a story or song with another child.

The WA State Department of Early Learning and the Richland School District believes that parents, families, and caregivers are young children's best teachers. This resource guide, part of *Strong Foundations for School: Resource Guides for Parents of Young Children* highlights a key developmental skill for **children ages 4-5** that parents can help improve at home.