



**Building Relationships Today
For Stronger Neighborhoods Tomorrow
and A Better Community For All**

Teaching Children To Be A Good Neighbor

Having a good neighbor is nice, and being a good neighbor is even better. Teach your children to be respectful, helpful, and kind to the people who live in your neighborhood. Learning to be a good neighbor while young will help a child to find his or her place in their community.



Smile and say hello

Teach your children to greet a neighbor they know when they see them on the street or in a yard. It will make everyone feel good. It is important to maintain this verbal connection so that the neighbor will feel valued and your child is being respectful.

Teach children about boundaries

Establishing boundaries, both real and invisible will help children be considerate of surrounding neighbors. Explain where your property ends and where your neighbors' properties begin. Playing catch near a neighbor's garden is not the best practice for preventing an accident. If a ball or toy needs to be retrieved from a neighbor's yard, find out what the neighbor prefers on entering their yard. Just knowing a basic understanding of other people's needs will show that you and your children care for others.

Accidents will happen

Teach your children what to do when accidents happen and cause damage to neighbor's property. It's not easy to apologize, so it's okay to go with your child to make the apology and offer to pay for any damage.

Neighborhood tips

your source for tips and information on what makes Owasso Neighborhoods Strong

Look for ways to be helpful

Opportunities to help and serve neighbors can make everyone feel good. Talk to your children about being on the lookout for someone in need. Does a neighbor need help picking something up, help with unloading groceries or raking leaves, etc?



Ask for feedback

Keep an open conversation with your neighbors on many things, especially your children. Most people won't tattle on your child for being a pest, but if you ask how things are going, your neighbor may feel more open to express a concern that can be easily corrected.

Help your child grow

Providing a good example, knowing expectations, and setting rules will help your child be a good neighbor. Modeling values, respect, and how to get along with others is teaching good habits. Being a responsible part of the neighborhood and community is laying a foundation for your child's future growth.



**Living in a good neighborhood is not a right;
it is a responsibility for all of us to do our part.**

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