

# THE CONNECTION

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## Suggestions For Improving Classroom Behavior

- \* Cue to gain the students' attention.
- \* Provide clearly defined rules.
- \* Make sure consequences are understood.
- \* Define for and with the students what behaviors are permitted.
- \* Structure play situations or free time.
- \* Assign short tasks. Divide longer tasks into shorter ones.
- \* Be sure that all assignments are well within the student's ability to perform.
- \* Limit the number of choices that students can make.
- \* Provide consistent follow-up assignments.
- \* Require completion of assigned work before recess or free time opportunities are made available.
- \* Ask students to clear their desk or work area of any unnecessary items before starting a lesson or assignment.
- \* Reinforce behaviors that are acceptable in your classroom. Be positive.
- \* Avoid large amounts of seat work. Design your program to emphasize "doing" instead of "sitting."