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DEAR DEC SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

ONE OF THE BEST INDICATORS OF CHILDREN'S FUTURE SCHOOL SUCCESS IS THEIR ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS. STUDENTS WITH POSITIVE SOCIAL SKILLS TEND TO DO BETTER IN SCHOOL THAN STUDENTS WHO ARE AGGRESSIVE, ARE DISLIKED BY THEIR CLASSMATES OR ARE UNABLE TO FORM CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS. CLASS DISCUSSIONS, GROUP PROJECTS AND GROUP ACTIVITIES ALL REQUIRE STUDENTS TO WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER. WITHOUT STRONG SOCIAL SKILLS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE. TO REINFORCE SOCIAL SKILLS AT HOME: TALK ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD FRIEND—BEING HONEST, NICE, AND A GOOD LISTENER. TEACH YOUR CHILD TO BE A GOOD SPORT. ENCOURAGE HIM/HER TO BE GRACIOUS WHETHER HE/SHE WINS OR LOSES. COMPLIMENT HER FOR TRYING HARD, EVEN WHEN SHE DOESN'T SUCCEED. BE A ROLE MODEL—WHEN PARENTS ARE FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER, KIDS PROBABLY WILL BE, TOO. PRACTICE COOPERATION & BEING KIND TO ONE ANOTHER BY LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPROMISE. *BEST WISHES FROM THE DEC FAMILY TO YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!! MR.*

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