

Making Decisions

Summary: Teach your child a way to make good decisions.

Age Group: Grades Kindergarten through 2nd

Materials: Piece of paper and pencil

Instructions:

Talk to your child about making good decisions. When faced with different choices, what would be a good way for your child to decide which option they should choose? One way is to list out all of the potential benefits of each option as well as the potential downside of each option. These are often called pros and cons. Read the following situation to your child and have them write the pros and cons of each situation. Have them choose which option they think would be best.

A local community center is planning to start one of three different projects. They will only select one of these projects to build, but you get to help them choose the project. The first proposal is to build bird feeders around the building. Part of this project will also include signs that might identify common animals that might use these feeders and provide a way for children to see these animals in their community. The second project is a new playground. The community center already has a playground, but it is getting old and some of the rides are not working. The third project is a community recycling program. Not many people in the community have a way to recycle their glasses, cans, and paper and this project would be a good way to encourage the community to start recycling.

Use the chart below or a separate piece of paper to write out at least one pro and one con for each project. Then decide which project you would like to see the community center build.

Bird Feeders	New Playground	Recycling Program
Pro	Pro	Pro
Con	Con	Con

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