

Empowering Children with the Gift of Control

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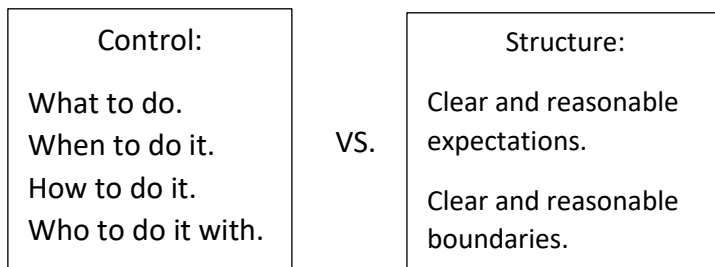
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Tools for Control:

1) Structured Environment



2) Ownership

- Discoveries
- The purpose
- Circle Time
- Plans
- Struggles
- Problems
- Emotions
- Their learning

3) Trust

- Trust a child to understand boundaries
- Trust a child to assess and manage risk
 - THEY NEED TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN GUT FEELING!!
- Trust a child to manage conflict
- Trust a child to show empathy

4) Empowering Words

I'm so glad you are here! Or I've been waiting just for you!

- I hear you vs "Stop Crying" VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS, DON'T SHOVE THEM AWAY
- I trust you.
- What's your plan? Instead of stopping child's play because you don't know what they are doing.
- Tell me more! Instead of "What's that?"
- Would you like some teamwork? Instead of the word "help"...for whatever reason, this makes a big difference for some children.
- Children deserve BETTER than an empty "good job"
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Learn More:

Books (to educate yourself and your parents on the power and importance of play):

- *Play* by Lisa Murphy
- *Let them Play, Let's Play and Let's All Play* by Jeff A. Johnson and Denita Dinger
- *It's Okay Not to Share and Other Renegade Rules for Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids*, and *It's Okay to Go Up the Slide: Renegade Rules for Raising Confident and Creative Kids* by Heather Shumaker
- *Freedom to Learn* by Peter Gray
- *Get Over It: Relearning Guidance Practices* by Dan Hodgins
- *Boys: Changing the Classroom Not the Child* by Dan Hodgins
- *Punished by Rewards* by Alfie Kohn
- *Einstein Never Used Flashcards: How Our Children Really Learn* by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Ph.D, and Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Ph.D with Diane Eyer, Ph.D
- *Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination and Invigorates the Soul* by Stuart Brown, MD
- *The Great Disconnect in Early Childhood Education: What we Know vs What we Do* by Michael Gramling

Websites

- www.danieljhodgins.com (Dan Hodgins)
- www.oeygoeey.com (Lisa Murphy)
- www.pinterest.com search: "The Importance of Play" or anything similar to that
- www.playcounts.com (Denita Dinger) click on the "blog" tab to get to the meat. My website is in constant state of construction...so hopefully someday, it will be a wonderful resource...keep checking back!!
- www.janetlansbury.com (Janet Lansbury)
- <http://teachertombsblog.blogspot.com> Tom Hobson

Podcasts

"Embracing Play" with Denita Dinger and Beth Wolff You can follow this podcast on the Embracing Play Facebook page, and Denita's website: www.playcounts.com

"Upstairs Studios" on Facebook (you will find podcasts with Dan Hodgins, Amy Ahola, Heather Shumaker and more)

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- Play Counts
- Embracing Play
- Upstairs Studios
- Kaleidoscope Play School (Denita's play school page)
- Camp Empower (Denita's school-aged summer camp page)
- The Renegade Kindergarten Room (another private group Denita started specifically for Kindergarten teachers who are feeling the pressures of the push-down of academics)
- Explorations Early Learning (Jeff A. Johnson)
- Ooey Gooey, Inc. (Lisa Murphy)
- Dan Hodgins
- Janet Lansbury
- Teacher Tom
- Beth Wolff/Birds of a Feather (Denita's podcast co-host's page)