

## Back to School Spiritual Supplies Activity – Family Agreements

When we go to school in a classroom, one of the first things we talk about is classroom agreements. They might also be called *classroom rules* or *boundaries*. Agreements help us to stay safe, to learn, and to have a good time together. They are simple to learn and use.

Even though we aren't in a school classroom, we're still going to school. Many of us are sharing space at home.

At CSE, our classroom and camp agreements are to **Be Kind, Be Clean, Be Safe, and Try**. What type of agreements can you make with your family to create a great learning environment for everyone?

### Creating Family Agreements

- One way to start is by thinking about the learning environment that works for you. For example, you may want to ask yourself:
  - Is your learning environment quiet or noisy?
  - Are you in a space where there's not much activity?
  - Are you sitting in a place where you can write easily and be seen by others?
  - If you are sharing space, what can you do to help one another focus?
- Ask everyone in your family to write down what makes a great learning environment for them.
- Share your notes and create your **Family Agreements**.
- Take your agreements one step further by creating a poster, collage, or decorated sign you can hang in a shared space.

## Activity: Agreement Pencils

Pencils are something we use every day. It is simple to decorate a pencil with one or more of your agreements. Use caution with the Sharpie® markers. They will stain anything that they mark on, including clothes and table tops. Protect your surfaces.

- 1) Choose a pencil
- 2) Put your name on it with an Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie
- 3) Write one or more of your family agreements on your pencil using the Ultra Fine Tip Sharpie. “Be Kind”, “Be Clean”, “Be Safe”, and “Try” are the agreements we use in YSE.
- 4) Decorate your pencil with any of the Sharpie pens
- 5) Add your eraser



### Materials List

- Pencils
- Sharpies – Ultra Fine Sharpies for writing, regular Sharpies for decorating
- Pencil Erasers