

Patch's Toy Chest

Can Manners Be Taught Through a Game?

Children don't always know how to behave in certain situations—and that's okay—but at some point they should learn about manners and etiquette. Knowing proper behavior will help children succeed now, and in the future.

Understanding manners and etiquette will make children more pleasant to be around. They will know how to avoid conflicts, which reduces fighting both at home and at school. A nicer, well-mannered person will have more friends and better relationships, and they will be better people all around. In school, children who are respectful and polite will behave better and retain more of what is being taught, increasing their academic success. Children who behave badly in the classroom will not hear what the teacher is trying to teach, and they will not develop skills they need to succeed academically and socially.

Unfortunately, it's not always easy to teach children manners. Manners and etiquette are not "fun" subjects. Parents and teachers can teach by example, but what about another more engaging way to impart this important knowledge? Etiquette expert Aimee Symington asked herself that very same question not too long ago, and the answer she came up with was a board game! Symington created a fun, and even silly, game in which the Blunder family strives to learn manners! Children follow Billy, Brenda, Bobby and Becky Blunder on an adventure through Blunderville, learning about table manners, host and guest skills, confident introductions, respect, kindness, telephone manners, school etiquette, honesty, responsibility and electronic etiquette.

The Blunders game is perfect for playing at home or at school. It makes a great gift for children ages 5 and up, and the whole family will enjoy playing together! Playing the game gives children a fun, engaging way to develop knowledge about manners and important skills to help them become responsible and respectful people. And, children have so much fun with the Blunders game that the family is expanding with more fun products to play, so check out patchproducts.com for everything Blunders!

