

Joe Smith and Melissa Clark are co-teachers in a local kindergarten classroom. There are 28 students in the class with a diverse range of backgrounds. The children were all in the same 4K classroom together last year, but it is only Mr. Smith's and Mrs. Clark's second week with the students. The two teachers received reports from their last year teachers about how each child does with social interactions such as sharing and expressing their feelings.

After reading their reports, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Smith notice that Jack and Bryce often do not share with each other, and it results in them hitting or pushing each other. Both teachers take this into account when watching the children during group activities and on the playground. One day Mr. Smith brought in a new set of building blocks for the kids. Mr. Smith lets the students play with them before lunch and rest time. Jack and Bryce had both rushed over to building center. At first the two both play simultaneously; a few minutes go by, and the boys start yelling at each other. Screaming back and forth about who gets to play with the single block they were fighting over.

Next thing Mrs. Clark and Mr. Smith know is that Jack is crying. Jack claims that Bryce hit him in the face with the block. Bryce claims that Jack hit him first and the other students are all saying different things about the incident. Some claim that Jack hit first, while others say Jack did not hit at all. Mr. Smith makes his way to the building block area to confront the situation while Mrs. Clark makes sure the rest of the class is staying on task and not paying attention to Bryce and Jack. "Boys, what is going on?" Mr. Smith asked. "Bryce hit me in the face with a block." Jack said crying. "No, I didn't, he's a liar." Bryce says. Jack shouts "No I am not, you are! You did it on purpose". Mr. Smith states firmly "That is enough Bryce and Jack.

One, it is not nice to call each other names because that could really hurt their feelings. Two, if the blocks are not played with nicely, Mrs. Clark and I will have to take them away until you show that you can play nicely. Now Bryce and Jack, please apologize to each other and keep your hands to yourself." Jack and Bryce both say a quiet "I'm sorry" and go back to playing.