

How to Have a Class Helper in Preschool

How to have a class helper in preschool...I'll be honest here. This took me a very long time to figure out. I thought giving every child a job each day would rock!

Um, no.

It was just too much for this age group. I had this pocket chart where we would display on our [classroom](#) wall with each name and the jobs and ... no.

Now, I know other [teachers](#) of 3 year olds say this works. And if it's working for you, keep on going! But it did not feel right for me.

Eventually I figured it out. What worked best for me and my 3 year olds was having one classroom helper a day. And they don't have a big list of duties. Just a few.



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We assign one child each day to be class helper.

When they arrive, they look at our pocket chart that conveniently hangs right by the door. And as they enter the classroom, they check it.

And if their name is on it (and yes, they do [recognize their name](#) during the year), they turn around and tell whomever is dropping them off. They BEAM.



I keep track of who will be class helper when with a simple chart. I keep it on a clipboard that hangs on the wall.



Ring the Clean Up Bell

As we finish our centers time, the class helper rings the clean up bell and we sing our [clean up song](#).



Weather Person

The class helper reports the weather during [circle time](#). I created a simple weather chart using wooden pieces I found at Michael's Crafts. I made 3 bottles: one for sunny, one for cloudy, one for rainy. Because that's our weather where we live. (If we have snow, we are not in school, because it only happens once, maybe twice a year.)



The class helper looks out the window.



Then chooses the bottle he or she feels reflects the weather and holds it while we sing our [weather song](#).



Line Leader

The class helper gets to lead us to gym. He or she holds a stop/slow sign as the others line up behind.



And that's it! It truly is that simple and our 3 year olds LOVE it!



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