

# Rudolf Dreikurs Inspiring Classroom Behavior Strategies

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# Introductory Slide



- Rudolf Dreikurs was a professor who inspired teachers to a new democratic way of teaching in the classroom

# Introductory Activity

Discussion Question: Think of a time a teacher punished you....was it fair or not fair?



# Professional Background



- Dreikurs 1897-1972
- Professional psychiatrist Adler was Dreikurs professor
- Dreikurs and Adler became colleagues
- Founded the Adler's school of Professional Psychology

# Fundamental Principles

- The “Four Mistaken Goals”
  - Attention
  - Power
  - Revenge
  - Avoidance of failure
  
- Misbehavior can be avoided



# Key Terms

- Adler
- Social Settings
- Misbehavior
- Punishment



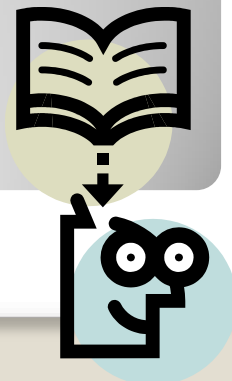
# More Vocabulary

- Natural vs. Logical
- Autocratic
- Permissive
- Democratic



# Vocabulary Explained

- Children behave differently in various social settings
- Student Misbehavior occurs when a child does not feel significant and valued
- Students associate punishment with the punisher





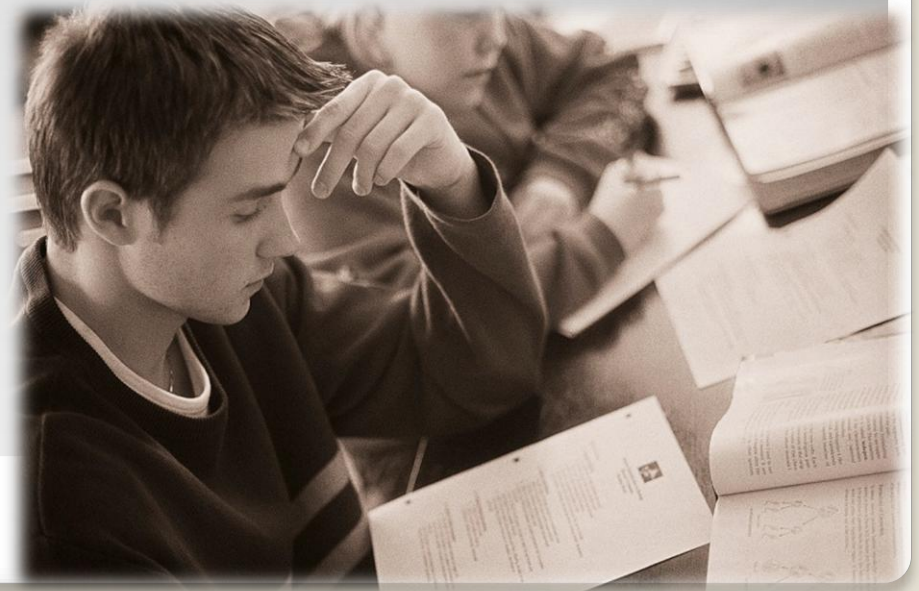
# Vocabulary Explained



- Autocratic teachers force their will on students in order to control the class
- Permissive teachers fail to learn that living in society requires them to follow rules
- Democratic teachers provide guidance by establishing rules and consequences

# Vocabulary Explained

- Teachers must differentiate between **Natural vs. Logical** consequences when reacting to a situation



# Essential Elements

Misbehavior can be prevented by paying attention to individual students needs



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- Teachers assume they are helping students by criticizing them
- Review child behavior and help them succeed



# Strengths of Dreikurs Model

- More time on task, less punishment
- Make the punishments understandable to students
- Traditional punishments



# More Strengths

- Give students warnings
- Students and teachers need one-on-one time
- Positive reinforcement



# Shortcomings of Dreikurs Model

- Students can feel discouraged if punishment theory is not followed through
- Support of the group toward the misbehaved child will encourage them to keep on misbehaving



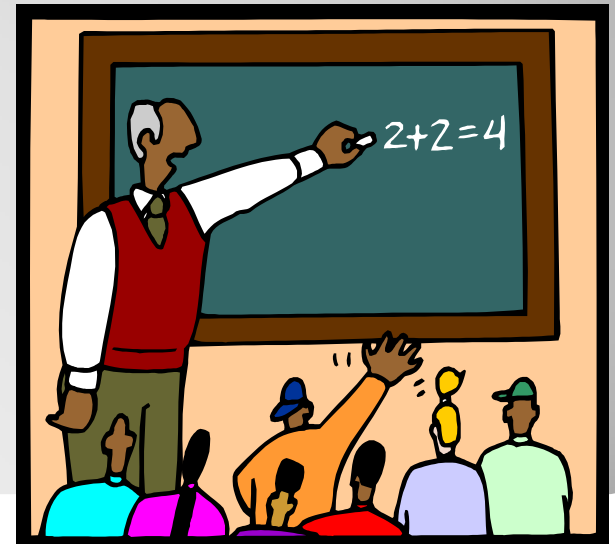
# Review Game Time!





# Dreikurs Model Put to Work

- Teachers and students must communicate with one another
- Display student work



# Display Student Work



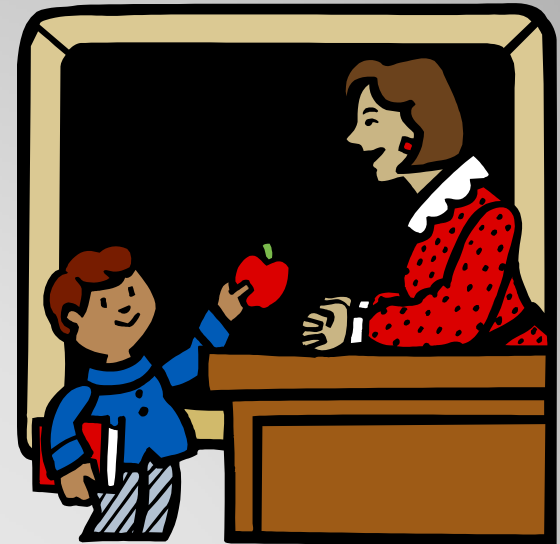
# Teacher Responsibility

- Learn how to accept student opinion
- Have a democratic way of teaching
- Positive reinforcement



# More Teacher Responsibility

- Examine student behavior patterns
- Teachers must make students feel comfortable and valued
- Teachers get passionate about learning



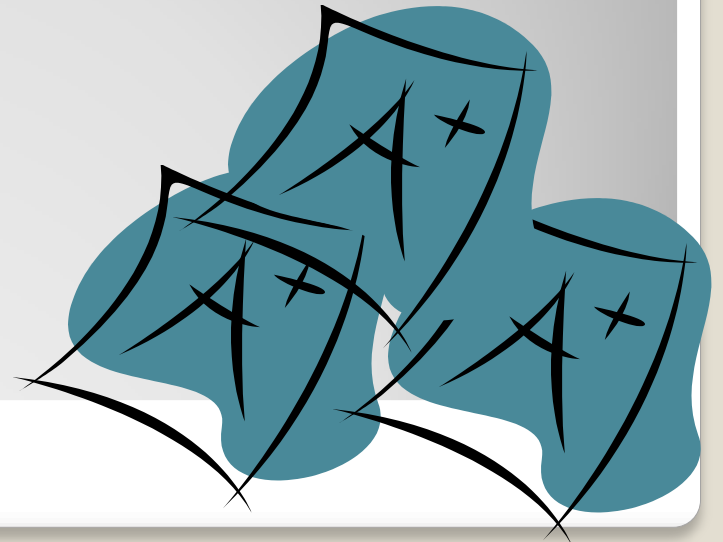
# Student Expectations

- Students must treat others the way they want to be treated
- Follow directions and classroom rules
- Show respect for others and school property
- Students must try to do their best work



# Teachers Must Apply Concepts

- Interested teachers offer positive reinforcement after punishment
- Give relatable punishments to students
- Don't require perfection



# Parent Involvement

- Have parent-teacher conferences
- Call parents for good student behavior and grades



# Lets Now Solve Some Cases!





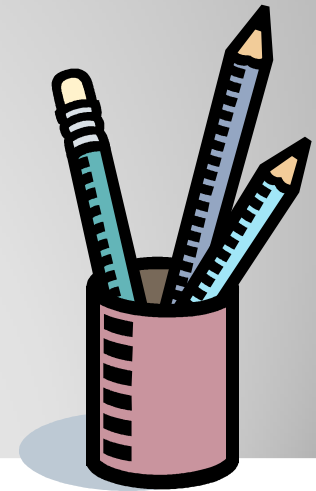
# CASE STUDY

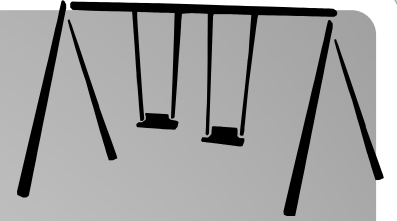


- Cody is a great 4<sup>th</sup> grade student but lately he has not turned in his homework
- What would you as a teacher do?

# Homework Strategies

- Teachers should offer warnings
- Teachers should have logical consequences
- Have concern
- Ask questions





- Now you find out his parents are getting a divorce and his grandma just passed away...
- He just pushed a student down on the playground....
- What would you as a teacher do?

# How to Help

- Get involved
- Call the parents
- Don't criticize but offer positive reinforcement
- Students relate punishment to the punisher



- Now Cody won't answer discussion questions in class and refuses to participate with his group members...
- As a teacher what would you do?



# How to Help

- Make the student feel important
- Offer encouragement
- Be the motivator
- Ask for opinions and suggestions
- Students who feel insignificant have behavior problems



# Important Points to Remember

- Students need belonging
- Positive reinforcement after punishment
- Logical consequences
- Four mistaken goals
- Democratic teachers



# Dreikurs Model Put to Practice

Teachers can use Dreikurs theories when:

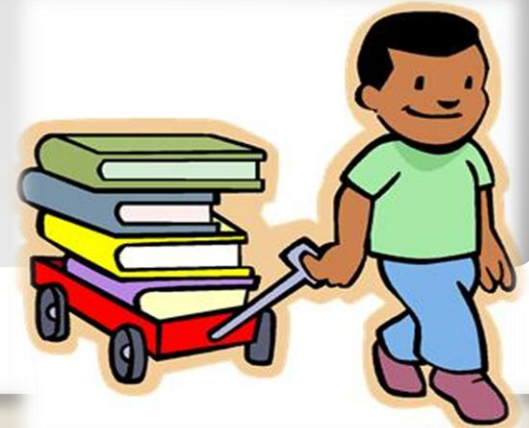
- Giving student feedback
- Punishments
- Hierarchy of genetic consequences





# Wrap Up!

- As a teacher you are one of the biggest motivators in a child's life
- Give students encouragement
- Be a strong and gentle teacher at the same time





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