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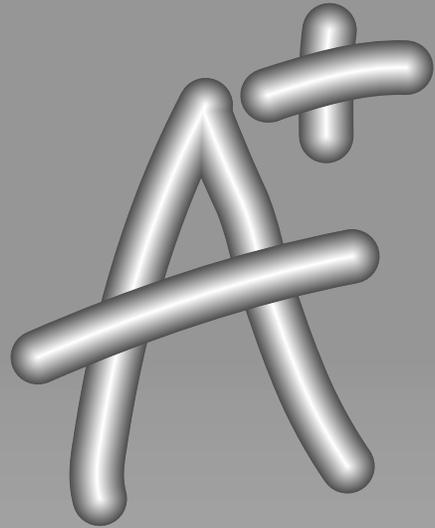


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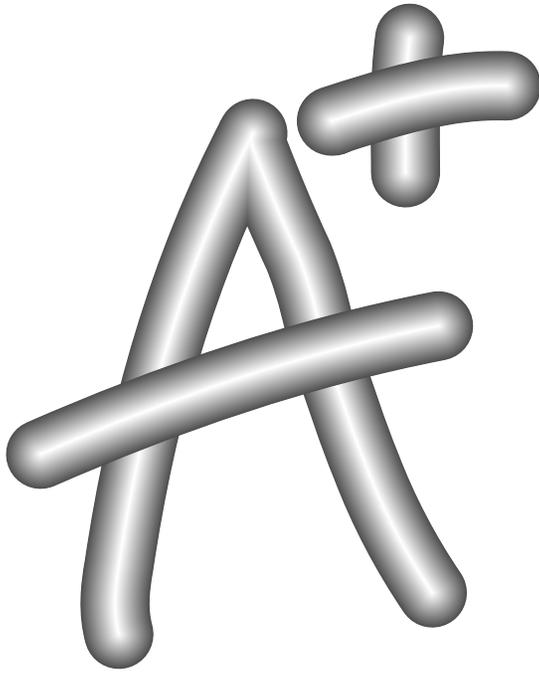


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# Raise "Can-Do" Children



Children who think they can, do. Children who think they cannot, will not try. Teach your children that they can do many things.

Teach your children to think: "I can do it!" This gives them a good start in life. It also helps them succeed.

Children need your praise. Words like "nice job" help them feel good inside. This makes them want to keep trying new things. They will not be fearful. They then will be able to tackle just about anything.

# Ways To Raise "Can-Do" Children

- Expect your child to do well.
- Have faith in your child.
- Let your child know when he or she makes you happy.
- Ask your child to do things you know the child can do.
- Tell your child "I knew you could do it."
- Give help when your child cannot finish a task.
- Tell your family to praise your child for jobs well done
- Let your child do things alone, even if it takes longer.
- Praise your child's efforts, even when the job is not perfect. Praise the parts of the job that were well done.
- When you correct your child, say or show what should have been done.

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