

# Counselor's Corner *By Ms. Rane*

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Dear parent/guardian,

For the month of February I will be presenting in your child's class and talking about manners and common courtesy. This article, titled Making Manners Cool Again, <https://cityparent.com/parenting/making-good-manners-cool-again/> says that experts blame technology and busy parents for the decrease in manners in America over the past several decades. So much of our time these days is spent on devices and not interacting socially where we are able to practice good manners. The article has some great tips on teaching/practicing good manners.

Have you noticed that people are less polite these days? Do you also notice this when you are out and about at stores and restaurants, driving down the road, and basically everywhere you go. I hear fewer please and thank yous. Working at many schools over the years I have noticed a decrease in manners and common courtesy. At Mountainside when we greet kids in the morning and say things like "good morning" or "have a good day," the majority of kids turn their heads and walk by without responding.

Here is another article with some great tips based on age.

How Rude! An Age-by-Age Guide to Teaching Kids Manners.

<https://www.familyeducation.com/kids/values/how-rude-age-age-guide-teaching-kids-manners>

Manners really do matter. Having good manners will help our children develop lifelong positive relationships, teach children respect and will help others respect them.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.

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