

## **Activity – Role Play Parent/Teacher Conference Scenarios**

You are trying to tell the parent that you are working with their child on using appropriate vocabulary in class instead of potty words. The parent is looking down at the conference form and disengaged from the conversation. Everything about their body language tells you they really don't care.

The parent is monopolizing the conference time discussing a new recipe they tried last night. You have not even started talking about the child and 12 minutes has already been wasted.

You were discussing the child's reading level. It is significantly lower than the parent perceives it to be. Although you thought you had approached the topic in a positive manner, the parent has gotten very defensive. They have crossed their arms across their body and are insisting that the child can read "Green Eggs and Ham" with absolutely no assistance.

You have gently approached that the child pushes friends a lot. (This is happening anytime they line up or if a friend has something they want.) The parent is laughing and says, "I am glad that my child stands up for himself."

You just sat down to begin the conference. The parent is obviously agitated. They blurt out, "I am not happy with this conference form. My child is performing much better than you scored her."

You are discussing a child who is getting to visit another classroom on a regular basis. You are talking about how the transition will go to the next age group. The parent says, "I don't like that teacher and I really don't want my child in her class."

You have expressed that you are trying to help a child interact more with peers and engage in circle time activities. The parent states that their child is just shy.

The parent says there is a child in the classroom that their child continues to come home and talk about. Their child says that the other student is always taking their manipulatives away from them during play. You know the situation is actually a little different. The parent's child is the one who initiates taking the item away from the friend and the friend is usually retaliating.