Being a Leader in Your Program

Read through the qualities below of effective leaders provided by ZERO TO THREE and then respond to the questions that follow.

An Effective leader possesses many of the following skills and abilities:

- Communicates a shared vision
- Is confident
- Exhibits a can-do attitude
- Facilitates and compromises; looks for “win-win” solutions
- Uses a team-based approach
- Is flexible, adaptive
- Listens attentively
- Motivates others
- Provides support and encouragement
- Sets clear goals
- Shares achievements
- Trusts others
- Uses humor

1. Is there one skill or ability that seems most important to you as a leader in your school-age program? Why?

2. Which of these abilities or skills do you value in yourself and others? How do you model these abilities or skills to the children and youth you serve? How do you model these abilities or skills to your colleagues?