

## Analytical



Problem-solving is not just a skill used by adults – it's important to build a foundation for problem-solving skills in preschoolers as they grow and develop.

### How we do it at Daffodils

- Brainstorm solutions - When teachers at Daffodils know what the problem is, we look at the many possible solutions for solving the problem. We have the child think of ways to solve the problem and state them out loud.
- Ask what would happen if the child put the solution to the test – We ask the child if the idea that she chose is safe and fair
- Try the solution – We have the child try his solution and see how it works. If the solution doesn't work, we assist the child in choosing another solution.

Not all problems will need the three step process. Many times when you first acknowledge that a problem exists, the child will stop, think and then move ahead. There are times when a problem has caused a great deal of emotion, and it is best to take a time out before attempting problem solving