

# HELPING KIDS DEAL WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

Thank you for allowing your child to audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre's Peter and Wendy.

Please remember that the maximum cast size for this program is 50-60. There are many talented children with interest in the performing arts here in our community; there may not be a role for everyone who auditions. If your child is not cast in the show, remember that auditions do not always seem fair. With many students auditioning for a limited number of roles the decisions of the MCT Tour Actor/Directors are always very difficult.

Should your child not receive a role this time, we encourage you to consider the following:

- Give your child some time. Things might not seem nearly so bad tomorrow.
- Talk about it – what was their favorite part of auditioning?
- Discuss what they could do even better next time.
  - They may choose to work on their singing and acting skills so that the next time they audition they will be even better prepared.
  - Or, maybe they will decide that even though they enjoy going to the theatre they don't have a driving desire to be on stage themselves.
- Talk about all of the activities they enjoy and feel success doing, and go do one of these activities!

How one responds to disappointment is a tremendous test of character. Children will look to you as an example of how to react. Compliment them for their efforts and for taking a risk by auditioning for the show!