

GETTING INTENTIONAL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

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+ Recognize the Power of Relationships

Relationships form the foundation for a child's learning and growth. Take time to assess and address indifferent connections to prevent unintended consequences.

+ Become a Reliable Resource

Demonstrate empathy and acceptance of children's feelings. Offer assistance without imposing solutions, fostering a sense of support and availability.

+ Foster Autonomy

Acknowledge children as active participants in their learning. Show genuine interest in their ideas and activities, incorporating choices to promote autonomy.

+ Encourage Social Conversations

Cultivate meaningful social interactions to build confidence and trust. Encourage children to share their thoughts and interests, creating a sense of closeness.

+ Implement “Banking Time” for Relationship Building

Schedule structured 10-15 minute sessions outside the classroom, two to three times a week. Follow the child's lead, observe, narrate, and label actions to convey acceptance and interest. Emphasize consistency, with sessions not contingent on behavior. Remember, this isn't meant to be done with every child.

+ Reflect and Build on Success

Evaluate what is already working well in your classroom. Balance corrections with positive connections, prioritizing relationships by meeting each child's individual needs.

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