

Building Connections with Families

Icebreaker

Sandwich Method

Positive, Negative, Positive

Connections with parents and students

Listen

Make learning fun

A little positive can go a long way and help when you need to share something negative

Conversations at pick up positive to build relationships, but be honest

Parents Care

Know that parents do care even if it does not seem like it

Thank parents when they tell you something that happens and keep an eye on the situation (don't get defensive)

Parents are Busy

Set up conference

Be prepared with data

Parents are Human

Acknowledge parents point of view

Relate personal situation if it applies

No direct attacks

Parents are the child's first teacher

Ask how they handle it when their child acts a certain way

Inviting Classroom Environment

Volunteers

Share personal stories and discuss

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