

Relationships & Purpose

Student - Teacher Relationships

- Who was your favorite teacher? Why? What qualities do you hope to adopt from them?
- Student scenarios - how would you react to..?
- Get invested in their personal lives and show that they are valued, welcomed, and celebrated in your classroom
- Morning meetings, keep the quote, interactive journals... what other techniques could you use to build a trusting classroom community?

Parent - Teacher Relationships

- 80% of contact with parents needs to be pointing out positive qualities and accomplishments you recognize in their child
- Utilize the sandwich method (compliment, concern, compliment) when bringing up any issue you might notice... why would this be effective?
- Good relationships require initiation, timeliness, consistency and frequency, follow-through, and clarity
- How can we format and prepare for parent-teacher conferences to make them most productive and successful? How involved should students be in the conferences?

Relationships with Colleagues

- What are some benefits of collaborative lesson plans, team teaching, and developing positive relationships with the other teachers in your building?
- Avoid teacher's lounge gossip and always look for the best in students, do not give into the negativity
- Why are relationships formed with other students in the College of Education valuable? How could these connections benefit you in the future?

Purpose

- What are your core values? How will they shape you as a future educator and how will your students benefit from the relationship you form with them?
- What gives your life direction? What gives you purpose? What makes you feel happiest and most alive?
- How does your purpose align with your chosen career?

"Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." - John C. Maxwell