

# How to Build Relationships With Children

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# Do You Struggle?

Do you struggle with kids doing what you ask them to do?

Do you struggle with getting kids to come to your activity?

Do you wish children would work together when you are playing with them?



# Why do we need relationships with kids

When we have good relationships with children we can...

- Work together as a group
- Trust and respect each other
- Engage and communicate with each other
- Have mutual trust between adults and children
- Children are more likely to do what you ask them
- Children's stress level is down and more learning can happen



# Positive Effects of Building Relationships

What are the positive effects of building relationships

- Quality of teacher-child interactions improve
- Children are more kind to each other and there is more cooperation in the class
- Improvement in classroom climate
- Teachers and children feel more successful in the classroom



# What strategies build Positive Relationships

Every moment that teachers and children interact with one another is an opportunity to develop a positive relationship.

- Greet children warmly
- Make eye contact, get down at their level
- Use pleasant and calm voices
- Listening to children when they talk



# Next level of Building

- Keep in mind children's developmental level - how does it differ for different ages?
- Learn each child's individual needs and anticipate when they might struggle
- Follow the child's lead and interest during play
- Help children understand classroom expectations
- Redirect children when they are misbehaving so they can feel successful
- Acknowledge children for their accomplishments and efforts
- How can you say YES to their requests?
- Offer children opportunity for power
- Comfort children if they want it when they are upset

# Where do you Struggle

Lets problem solve together

Where do you struggle?

