

Fostering Connections

Tips for Educators

21 Ways to Foster a Connection with a Child

1. Ask questions.
2. Give warm greetings and goodbyes.
3. Laugh together.
4. Play together.
5. Listen.
6. Validate feelings.
7. Encourage effort.
8. Show affection.
9. Share in activities.
10. Provide support.
11. Remember what a child tells you.
12. Support the child to take the lead.
13. Encourage friendships.
14. Share personal stories.
15. Create special handshakes.
16. Listen to a child's favorite music.
17. Incorporate a child's interests.
18. Sit on the floor with a child.
19. Give children jobs or tasks (when developmentally appropriate).
20. Maintain present body language.
21. Share about a child's positive behavior with their family.



50 Ways to Encourage a Child

1. (Thumbs up)
2. You're on the right track now.
3. You've worked so hard on that.
4. I heard you say how you feel; that's great.
5. Oh, that turned out very well.
6. I'm really enjoying watching you work on that!
7. You worked hard on that today, even when it was hard.
8. You've just about got it.
9. (High five)
10. You kept your body and voice so calm during that problem.
11. That's it!
12. Now you've figured it out!
13. (Move closer)
14. I knew you could do it.
15. Congratulations!
16. I love hearing your words.
17. What a superstar you are.
18. You solved the problem!
19. Keep working on it, you're almost there!
20. Now you have it!
21. Your brain must be working hard; you figured that out quickly.
22. I'll bet you are proud of yourself.
23. One more time and you'll have it.
24. Great idea!
25. You're amazing!
26. Terrific teamwork!
27. Keep going. You can do this!
28. You have such creative ideas.
29. That's the way to do it.
30. Sensational!
31. You must have been practicing.
32. You handled that so well.
33. I like how you think.
34. Good remembering.
35. You know just what to do!
36. You are really persisting with this.
37. You expressed yourself so well.
38. You did it!
39. I knew you two could figure it out together.
40. Thank you for sharing how you feel.
41. I know it's hard, but you are almost there.
42. Fantastic problem-solving!
43. I love hearing your ideas.
44. I know that was hard for you. You stayed so calm.
45. Yes!
46. Look at how you helped each other!
47. You finished because you worked together.
48. You kept trying!
49. Excellent try.
50. You are a creative thinker.



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