



Tips for Building Student Self-Confidence

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- Use student names
 - Shake hands with your students
 - Have conversations with every student
 - Provide multiple ways for students to be successful
 - Display student work
 - Give each student a responsibility
 - Provide opportunities for student work to be judged by external audiences
 - Take time to point out positive aspects of your students' work
 - Never criticize a student's question
 - Take time to help struggling students
 - Try to get to know about the student's life outside of the program
 - Ask students about their other activities (ex. "How was the soccer game, Natalie?")
 - Help students turn failure into a positive learning experience
 - Encourage students to take risks
 - Don't make assumptions about student behavior
 - Allow students to suffer the consequences of their behavior - don't be overprotective
 - Celebrate your student's achievements, no matter how small
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