

Welcome to Creating a Positive Classroom Environment



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Relationship First

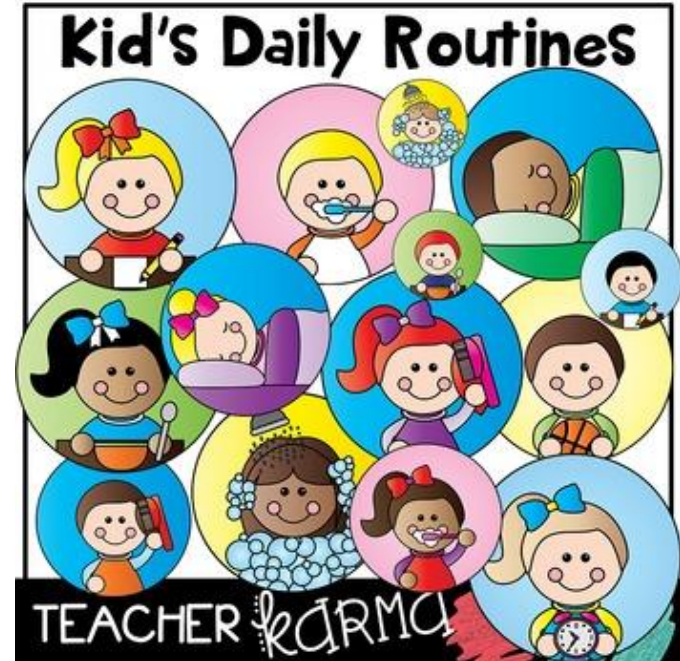
- Spend a minute thinking about your favorite teacher. What made that teacher special to you?
- Students of all ages need to feel safe and valued.
- Academics can wait
- What relationship building strategies have you tried or would you like to try?





Developing Routines and Procedures

- Important at all grade levels
- The younger the student, the more practice is required
- Our examples
- Your examples/questions/suggestions





Collaboration 101

- Why it works
- Why it is important
- Pitfalls to avoid:
 - Non equitable work distribution
 - Off task behavior





Challenging Behavior Fixes

- Why students misbehave
- Try to understand the misbehavior in order to plan the fix
- Decide if this is a "hill you want to die on"
- Re-teach routines and expectations
- Have a private conversation with student first
- Allow student to share in problem solving
- Allow student to demonstrate responsibility
- Consider developmental appropriateness of expectation
- Enlist the help of others



