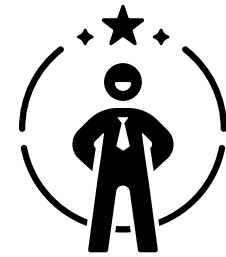


Belonging

To help students experience the greatest success possible, focus on creating and nurturing a strong sense of togetherness.

- Classroom environment is positive, warm, safe, and inclusive.
- Student work is displayed.
- Anchor charts and other student/learning focused materials are visible and accessible.
- Gathering spaces are large enough to include all comfortably.

- Labeled materials and spaces promote success and independent problem-solving.
- Books in library represent the students.
- Classroom is organized, bright, and neat.
- Materials and spaces are physically accessible and usable by all students.
- Students have a space reserved specifically for themselves and their materials.



Esteem

All students have a psychological need of esteem - knowing that they contribute good to the community and are able to make valuable contributions.



Engagement

Academic achievement improves when students are inquisitive, motivated, passionate, and inspired.

- Students have a variety of work spaces for collaborating, working independently, and creative thinking.
- Classroom space allows for developmentally appropriate movement, interaction, and autonomy.
- Hands-on materials/manipulatives are accessible for students.
- There is a quiet space for students to promote reflection and introspection.

CREATING AN OPTIMAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

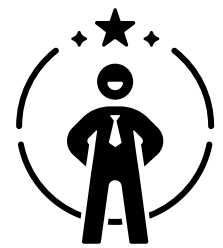
EXAMPLES OF REINFORCING LANGUAGE



Belonging

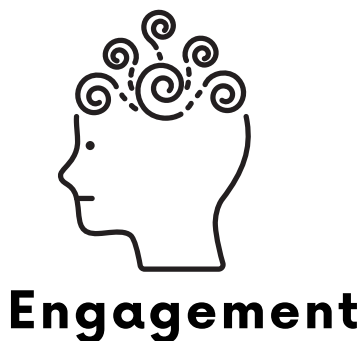
- ____, Your classroom environment is positive, warm, safe, and inclusive.
- ____, The display of student work nurtures a strong sense of togetherness!
- ____, The wall-space used for student-focused materials highlights this is truly a community of learners!
- ____, The gathering spaces are welcoming and will include all comfortably.

- ____, The labeled materials throughout the room will support students in navigating the space successfully!
- ____, It is clear that you have spent time choosing the books in library so they represent the students you have this year!
- ____, This space is organized, bright, and neat and helps students feel like a valuable member of the learning community.
- ____, The materials are physically accessible and usable by all students!
- ____, Students will feel valued and safe having a designated space for their personal materials.



Esteem

- ____, Wow! Students have a variety of work spaces for collaborating, working independently, and creative thinking!
- ____, Your classroom space allows for movement and interaction, which inspires engaged learning!
- ____, The available hands-on materials for students motivates and supports their learning.
- ____, The quiet space you created truly promotes reflection and introspection!



Engagement