

My Personal Commitment to a Safe Classroom

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Acknowledge all Learners

I create a welcoming environment where I honor and appreciate my students' diverse cultural backgrounds. Students have opportunities to express their cultural identities through art projects and choose themes that are meaningful to their heritage. This helps ensure that everyone feels valued, represented, and respected in our classroom community.

Demonstrate Empathy and Understanding

I create opportunities for students to connect with and learn from each other's experiences. Schedule reading sessions once a week where my students read to younger students. This allows students to learn from each other's insights and develop friendships outside their grade level.

Empower Student Voices

I create a space where students can use their voices to advocate for themselves and others, fostering a sense of independence. By organizing field trips to outreach programs like the Food Bank or Carmichael, students experience firsthand the meaningful impact they can make beyond the classroom. This experience is fundamental in nurturing their growth and strengthening their self-confidence.

Cultivate a Sense of Community

I believe in the power of building genuine relationships with school families. Creating a class website allows students and parents stay updated on classroom activities regularly. Writing short notes in students' agenda to thank parents for their support or to share something special I noticed about their child that week can greatly contribute in maintaining positive relationships with school families.

Engage in Lifelong Learning and Growth

I continuously seek feedback and reflect on my teaching practice. I establish regular channels like anonymous surveys or suggestion boxes in the classroom, encouraging students to provide feedback on their learning experiences. This feedback help me make adjustments to my teaching methods. Furthermore, Professional Development days are important opportunities for me to remain informed on safely responding to crises in the classroom and adapting to students' needs.

Grow alongside each other

I aim to inspire positive learning experiences where everyone contributes to our shared journey of growth and development in school and beyond. I encourage students to respectfully practice listening and mindfulness as we continuously learn and prepare ourselves for the future. Setting realistic expectations and modeling the idea that it's okay to ask for help sets the tone that we are in this journey together.