

Learning can happen anywhere.

*“We cannot control all that happens to us, but we have absolute control over how we respond to the changes in our lives.” – W. Christopher Waddell*



**The “heart” of our teaching remains the same. Creating safety wires the brain to be able to learn. Building connections and belonging enables us to be willing to learn. So, how can we do this virtually?**

Establishing **Safety** Virtually:

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Visual Routines and Procedures</u></p> <p>What classroom structures do you introduce to students so they feel safe? Which ones are still needed virtually?</p> <p>How do you communicate expectations to both students and families?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Model and use DNA (<u>D</u>escribe, <u>N</u>ame, and <u>A</u>cknowledge) for the behaviors you wish to see</li> <li>○ M.A.P. (<u>M</u>odel, <u>A</u>dd visuals, <u>P</u>ractice) procedures</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">1</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">2</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">3</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">4</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">5</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">6</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">7</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="font-size: 8px;">take deep breaths</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">sing song</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">greetings</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">count attendance</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">wish well</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">safekeeper</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">I love you ritual</td> <td style="font-size: 8px;">goodbye</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: 10px; margin-top: 5px;">Morning Group Schedule</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center; gap: 5px;"> <span style="font-size: 8px;">special activity</span> </div> </div>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	take deep breaths	sing song	greetings	count attendance	wish well	safekeeper	I love you ritual	goodbye	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Safekeeper</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“My job is to keep you safe. Your job is to help keep it safe.”</i></p> <p>How does this look and feel virtually? How do we expand our Safekeeper role and rituals to include family members, siblings, etc. who may be with the child during instruction?</p>																	

## Create Class Agreements

What will support the learning in this space?

How will you make these clear with children and families?

When do you teach, review, and acknowledge?



(YMCA tune - sing twice)

We will be **safe, kind, and helpful** (x2)



We will be **safe**.




I will BE **SAFE** today!



We will be **kind**.

I will BE **KIND** today!



We will be **helpful** all the time.

I will BE **HELPFUL** today!



## Brain Smart Start

How do you start your class sessions together?

How do you get everyone on the same page and ready to learn?

- Activity to Unite
- Activity to Disengage Stress
- Activity to Connect
- Activity to Commit



## Modeling "Safe Place" and Discussions – Coaching Families!






Explicitly discuss and model talking about feelings, conflicts, and problem solving.

How can you work through "big feelings" virtually?

How can families help to model and support?



# Establishing **Belonging** and **Connection** Virtually:

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Building a School Family</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Friends and Family Board</li> <li>○ School Family™ Name</li> <li>○ Classroom chant</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div data-bbox="170 430 506 619" style="text-align: center;">  <p>C7 School Family Morning Circle Time</p> <p><small>Good morning friends! Welcome to school! How are you today? Make sure: Microphone is on and you're in gallery view to see everyone!</small></p> </div> <div data-bbox="516 430 792 619" style="text-align: center;"> <p>C7's "Pre-K Masks" Chant!</p> <p><small>Pre-K Masks are here today! On school zoom ready to learn and play! We're SUPER friends who are always...</small></p>  </div> </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Jobs</u></p> <p>What tasks are necessary to run your class?</p> <p>How can every child contribute to the virtual learning space?</p> <p>Let students have ownership.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Greetings and Goodbyes</u></p> <p>Include all students and families in greetings and goodbyes. Get everyone involved!</p> <p>Offer choices – touch vs. non-touch.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>How will we say hello?</p> <p>greetings</p> <p>hello</p> <p>I want</p> </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wish Well and Welcome Back</u></p> <p>Wishing well helps connect students and build empathy.</p> <p>How can we do this virtually and during a global pandemic?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	

