

BUILDING A STRONG CLASSROOM STRATEGY SHEET

The beginning of a school year is all about laying a strong foundation for your classroom. This takes building the class environment you want to see. Here are four building blocks of strategies you can use to build a strong classroom.

Building Class Community

- Identify + communicate what community looks like, sounds like and feels like
- Utilize class activities to get to know your students + help your students learn about each other
- Create class traditions that can be practiced monthly or quarterly

Building Student Confidence

- Create opportunities of small-wins for students
- Make successes visible with a chart, album or journal.
- Teach students how to identify and appreciate their strengths + victories

Building Positive Communication

- Model it daily by how you interact with students, peers and supervisors
- Communicate what is acceptable in how students uses words and tone of voice
- Teach and prompt students to encourage each other more than they criticize

Building Coping Skills

- Observe areas of struggle + frustration for your students so you know what to focus on
- Create respectful + responsible responses students can use, then teach to students/class
- Allow for opportunities to practice with your support and guidance.