### Teacher - Student Relationships

#### Building Positive Relationships with Students
- When students feel supported, they're more likely to engage in learning and have better academic outcomes (Kaufman, 2022)
- When students feel connected, there’s greater student comfort with expressing their thoughts in or out of class (Cornell University, 2022)
- When students have positive interactions with teachers, they have fewer behavioral problems (Kaufman, 2022)

#### Tips and Tricks

1. **Know and pronounce students' names properly**
   - Ask students to introduce themselves
   - Learn a few names at a time
   - Don't be afraid to ask again
2. **Engage with students beyond your curriculum**
   - Ask for student input
   - Write postcards
3. **Know and pronounce students' names properly**
   - Engage with students beyond your curriculum
   - Celebrate your students in and out of the classroom
   - Wish happy birthday
   - Congratulate on extracurricular achievements

### Family Relationships

#### Building Positive Relationships with Families
- Increased contact with parents means teachers learn more about students' needs and home environment, which is information they can apply toward better meeting the students' needs (American Federation of Teachers, 2007)
- When parents are involved in education, students have increased motivation for learning, improved behavior, more regular attendance, and a more positive attitude about homework and school in general (American Federation of Teachers, 2007)

#### Tips and Tricks

1. **Send out an introduction letter**
   - Introduce yourself
   - State your main objectives for your course
   - State your philosophy
   - Ask for information about their student
2. **Highlight and share your curriculum**
   - Weekly/Unit/Monthly newsletter
   - Include families in your curriculum
   - Identify additional resources
3. **Send postcards**
   - Address the postcards home

### Community Relationships

#### Building Positive Relationships with Community

#### Tips and Tricks
### Members

- Without an understanding of where we teach—the politics, economics, and culture of the community, and how systemic and institutional racism has shaped those things—we can’t understand who we teach (Miller, 2022)
- Professionals and others with unique expertise are able to add their voices and experiences to the classroom (Minnesota Department of Education)

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5. **School and Community Connections** (Minnesota Department of Education)