

# Tips for Loving on your Students

- Don't force it and make it weird... that's just creepy
- Circle time:
  - They're never too old for circle time. What does circle time do?
  - Circle Time gives children **STUDENTS & TEACHERS** the ability to socialize with, learn more about, and relate to each other.
- Make sure they all feel seen. Hear them.
  - One could be on the edge of losing it.
  - Try to leave your students better than you found them.
- Be present
- Pay attention
- Check in
- Watch how you talk to them: Treat them as employees, not your children. (Will expand on this shortly "You're Hired Approach")

"Your self-esteem is reflected in your teaching. If you don't like you, how can you expect your students to." -Leslie Rob

- Bond: Find even the smallest thing to bond with them over
- Eavesdrop with intention (wait what? OuterBanks newest season just came out?)
- It's ok to go off script.
- Ask, don't Attack!
- Be honest with them.
- Saying you're sorry
- The more honest you are with your kids the better it can be.
- If you're not feeling it today, you're not feeling it.
- If you need a minute, you need a minute.
- Don't make promises you can't keep, actually... don't make

ones you can't maintain.

- We should incorporate our hobbies, passions, gifts, and talents into our lessons. I find I enjoy the lesson more when I share me more. (Love comedy so I incorporate comedy)
  
- Push your students, but don't shove them!
  - Push - compel, or urge someone to do something.
  - Shove - put someone somewhere carelessly or roughly.
- Embrace interruptions shift it to fit the lesson
  - "Anybody know #1? Yeah like that #1 from McDs. Yes I love a big mac..." (relate it to lesson or move on)
- Be Extra: (if you're comfortable)
  - Go to games, graduation parties, birthdays, class dinners