

“Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give upon them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be.” - Rita Pierson 2013 [Why every student deserves a champion | Rita Pierson](#)

This quote means that each of my students need to know that I support them, I care about them, and I want them to succeed. I want my students to know that I want them to do well. I do not want my students' grades or marks to be a surprise or a disappointment to them. I want to be constantly communicating with my students about their learning. I will use resources like google classroom to communicate with my students and their families about what they have learned and how they have grown on a weekly basis. I want to make connections with each of my students in a meaningful way not just about their learning but about their lives. Connections create belonging and I want all my students to feel like they belong in my classroom.

This quote also embodies inclusion by using the words “every child,” I believe that every student no matter their ability should feel connected to their teacher and in their class community. Every child should have at least one opportunity throughout their day to connect with their teacher in a meaningful way through conversation. In my class we will use an Indigenously inspired social emotional learning tool called Spirit buddies [UDL Videos & Podcasts - Jennifer Katz, PhD](#) to pair different students together every morning to listen and share with each other about their feelings and their day. This will help create a positive learning environment in my classroom and help my students make connections with all their peers.

As a teacher I want to be aware of the relationships and connections that are happening in my classroom. I want to listen to my students' interactions with their peers and the conflicts that they bring to me and I want to ensure that every child has positive connections in the classroom. I will talk to my class about being a good friend and how we treat others even if we disagree with them.

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