

HOPES AND DREAMS FOR OUR CHILDREN

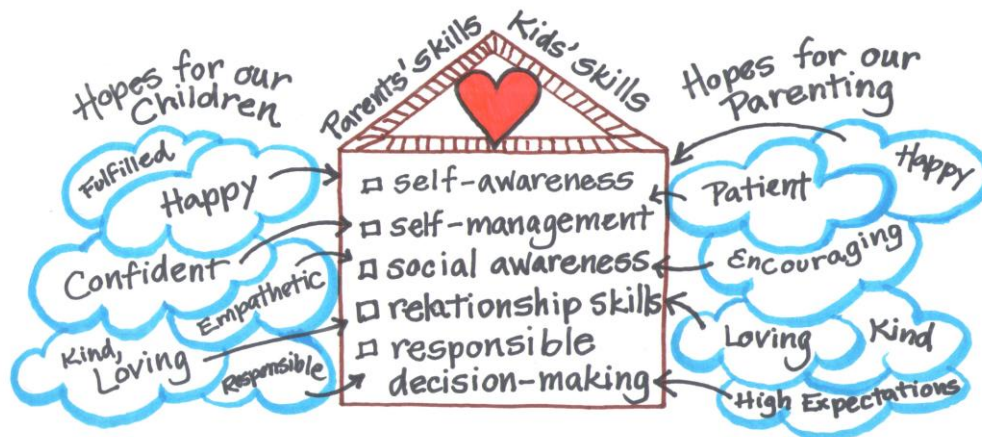
TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS!

What are your hopes and dreams for your children?

What are your hopes and dreams for your role as a parent?

DID YOU KNOW?

When researchers asked parents those same questions, they shared that they hoped their children were kind, loving, responsible and confident among other qualities. And indeed, educators hold those same hopes and dreams for their students. We know that we can work toward those hopes and dreams by practicing social and emotional skills each day with every student through our home and school interactions and routines.



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Extension Activity: Create a whole school community banner of hopes and dreams. All you'll need is a long roll of paper and markers. Introduce this activity at your PTA meeting. Ask the above questions and have each member draw and/or write their hopes and dreams on a large banner. Seek administrator permission to circulate the banner throughout the building. Have teachers contribute to it in the teacher lounge. Pass it through the classrooms so that students can contribute. Hang it in a central hallway or entrance to collectively share the hopes and dreams of all the children in the entire school community.