

Communication Circle

Opening question:

What is your name and give me ONE word to describe your 6th grade experience so far.

Question

What do you think is the MOST important thing to have in order to be a successful student?

Teacher answer: The ability to communicate and advocate for yourself.

Statement:

This year our ENTIRE school district is focusing on communication and building better relationships. We have leave that we have not taught you how to ask for what you need or hot to “advocate” for yourself effectively. So we need to work on that, but YOU also have a job too! You need to learn how to ask for what you need.

Check out your handout, this is just a FEW ideas on ways to have this conversation, let’s look at it together.

It is about an HONEST expression of observation, feeling, need and request.

So let’s practice... a popular topic of discussion in not having homework. Take a look at your handy hand out...

When I saw... that I was not going to get my homework done.

I felt.... Concerned

Because I thought.... You would be mad

I need more time because at night I have to take care of my little brother

Would you consider letting me come in at lunch?

What else to students needs to advocate for themselves about?

PRIDE, bullying, friendship issues,

Let's practice!

Ms Smith **when I saw** I was not going to get my article of the week finished in time, **I was** worried. **Because I thought** you would be disappointed. I didn't get it finished because I just ran out of time. **I need** more time. **Would you consider** giving me an additional day to get it done?

Closing circle: One goal that I have for this year is to.....