



Armatage SEL Parent Connection

August/September 2019: *Being Positive and encouraging yourself and others to succeed*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We are looking forward to an amazing year of learning and social development with our students and families! Last year we began to align our Student of the Month themes with our school-wide SEL, social emotional learning themes. We found that this provided the school with a month long theme to focus on both academic and social emotional learning goals. We are going to do this again for the 2019-2020 school year. Here is a [link to our year-long plan](#) for encouraging social emotional learning at Armatage Montessori.

Each month, we will share some books, tips and guiding questions to help families support this important social emotional learning at home and at school.

For **August & September** we would like students to focus on **being positive and encouraging yourself and others to succeed**.

Articles & Resources for encouraging children:

[Six Proven Ways to Encourage Kids Effectively \(without side-effects\)](#)

This article has many specific suggestions for encouraging children and offers some “do’s and don’t examples.”

[12 Positive Phrases that Encourage Kids to do the right thing](#)

This short article/blog shares some specific phrases to encourage positive behavior.

[Encouraging good behavior](#) (aimed at children 1-8 years old)

This article has some ideas for younger children to stay positive and focus on bringing out the good in children.

[14 Little Ways to Encourage Kindness](#)

This Parent’s Magazine article has some concrete suggestions for encouraging kindness and positive behavior.

Children’s books that encourage positive behavior:

[8 Picture books that Encourage a Positive Outlook](#) (PK-3rd grade focused)

[Books about having a positive attitude](#) (PK-3rd grade focused)

[50 Inspiring Children's books with a positive message](#) (PK-3rd grade focused)

[15 Life Changing Middle Grades books](#) (3-6th grade focused)

[Best Books for 10 Year Olds](#) (4th & 5th grade)

We hope these resources will be helpful! Thanks for being your child's first teacher!

With gratitude,

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[Armatage SEL Themes for 2019-2020](#)

