



STEP BY STEP MENTORING PROGRAM

Caring and Growing...Together

ACTIVITY IDEAS

1. If your mentee is new to the school, talk about what is different and what is the same. Share your own experiences with new schools and settings.
2. Ask your mentee what he/she is looking forward to most during the school year.
3. Investigate new things that will be happening in your community and/or school and discuss how they will affect each of you.
4. Create an imaginary time capsule. What would each of you want future generations to know? Pick a place where you would bury it and decide when it should be opened.
5. Fly a kite in the schoolyard.
6. Research political positions and candidates (local, state or national) who will be on the ballot during upcoming elections. Talk with your mentee about the importance of voting.
7. Help your mentee search the newspaper or Internet for an after-school job.
8. Initiate a discussion about a dream vacation. Describe your dream vacation and ask mentee to do same.
9. Read with and to your mentee. (Literacy is more than just being able to read & write. It is the ability to understand and communicate information and ideas by others and to others clearly and to form thoughts using reason and analysis.)
10. Read for information. Read maps, graphs, charts and recipes together. Learning how to read a bus, train or airline schedule is an important skill in life.
11. Check out books from the school library and discuss.
12. Make a greeting, get-well or holiday card to give someone.
13. Research and talk about famous people who used their abilities to succeed in life.
14. Write a poem together.
15. Play a musical instrument together.
16. Exchange photos of family and pets.
17. Help study for driver's license.
18. Review college applications together.
19. Assist in filling out a job application.
20. Listen. Listen. Listen.

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