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Capturing Kids' Hearts Gower School District 62

Children at their best!

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Capturing Kids' Hearts

“If you have a child's heart, you have his head.”

-Flip Flippen



What is Capturing Kids' Hearts?

- A process, not a program
- Focus on RELATIONSHIPS
 - teacher and students
 - student to student
 - between adults.
- Teaches tools and models

Teachers were trained in 2013-2014 and learned how to:

- Create a safe, effective learning environments
- Develop self-managing classrooms
- Build productive relationships with ALL students, teachers
- Respond and address behavioral and disrespect issues with a common language

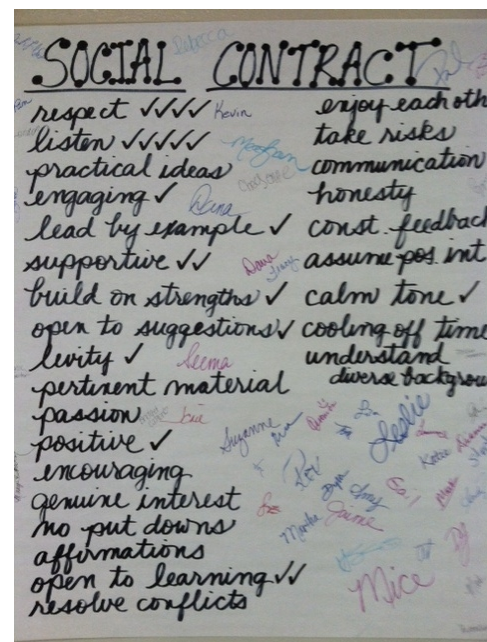
Capturing Kids' Hearts Teaches

- Professional behaviors:
College and Career
Readiness
- 21stCenturySkills:
Teamwork, Collaboration,
and Leadership
- Students and adults how to
be at their personal best--
GROWTH
 - Improves student and
teacher performance



Social Contract:

- Created by team members, students and answers:
1. How do you want to be treated by me?
 2. How do you want to be treated by each other?
 3. How do you think I (leader/ teacher) want to be treated by you?
 4. How do we want to treat each other when there is conflict?



EXCEL Model:

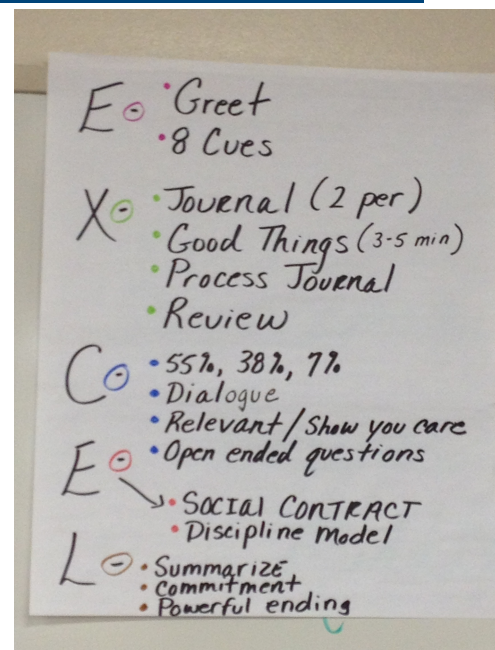
Engage

X-plore

Communicate

Empower

Launch



What does it mean for students?

- They work together to decide on social/class contract
- Students are greeted each day with a handshake
- Students share “good things”



What if the social or class contract isn't working?

- Teacher may refer back to the contract
- Teacher may use the Capturing Kids' Hearts Discipline Model
 - *4 questions for misbehavior or disrespect
- As last resort, a teacher may involve in the school dean or principal

Discipline Model: 4 Questions for Misbehavior

- What are you doing?
- What are you supposed to be doing?
- Are you doing it?
- What are you going to do about it?

Discipline Model: 4 Questions for Disrespect

- Who are you talking to?
- How are you supposed to talk to me?
- Are you doing it?
- So how are you going to talk to me?

Why Capturing Kids' Hearts for Gower?

- Aligns to “Children at their best!”
- Addresses Illinois social and emotional learning standards
- Provides teachers tools to enhance instruction
- Teaches students 21st Century Learning skills (Board Goal)
- Addresses student needs as we learned from surveys

Putting it all together: Children at their best!

A Florida Example:

- [Video Clip](#)