

Ongoing Communication Recognizing On the Spot Success

Have you ever caught one of your students experiencing an exciting moment of academic or social-emotional learning? Did you want to capture that moment to share with their family?

By sharing this information on the spot, the teacher celebrates the student's success and offers families insight into what their child learning. Because of this communication, students begin to recognize that there is a relationship between their home life and school life, the bridge being their teacher.

Some important things to note:

For Teachers

- Use the family's preferred method of communication.
- Offer background information on what students have been learning/doing.
- Describe the moment of success you witnessed.
- Include pictures if possible.

Possible On the Spot Scenarios

- A student is practicing math or reading skills.
- A student demonstrates perseverance through a challenge.
- A student shows kindness to another student.
- A student asks a good question.

Examples:

Every day before recess we graph the weather for the day, and yesterday I asked for someone to tell me what they noticed about our graph. Most students told me the number of sunny or rainy days, but Violet told me that our cloudy and snowy days were equal, noticing they both had 1. She's such a rockstar!

Yesterday the class had a quiz on the periodic table and many students struggled. Today, Tim asked me if it would be possible to retake the quiz. I love to see him advocating for himself and his classmates like that and decided to let the whole class have a retake.