

# Respect matters: Foundation

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Typically, in their first year of school, students learn through interactions with others, experimentation, practice and play. This is an opportunity to build social, emotional and thinking skills. Children at this age can play with others to achieve a common goal. They may prefer to play with friends than on their own and this is one way they can learn to share. Learning in a safe classroom and belonging to a school community are important aspects of development. Students use their natural curiosity to make sense of their world and to develop knowledge and skills about people and places. Students consider the people who are important to them. They identify and describe emotions, learn to express their feelings and develop capacity to initiate and maintain respectful relationships in different contexts, including at school, at home, in the classroom and when participating in physical activities.