



Question:

How can I recognize students for doing something good?

Andie's Answer:

One of the teachers on my team is a first year teacher, and she taught the veteran teachers a new strategy. Every week she chooses 3 or 4 students from her classes, and she makes a phone call to their homes. The purpose of the phone call is to relate to the parent or caregiver something that the student has done well that week. Perhaps it is "Sam focused on math this week and really mastered long division with 2 digit numbers." It might be "Louise has made every effort this week to meet her behavior contract." The point is to ensure that every parent gets a good phone call, and every student is recognized in a positive way. This process of calling the 3 or 4 parents takes about 20 minutes and makes a great difference for the student and the parent.

Try it—you'll like it and so will your students and parents!