

Do:

- Ask your teacher what you can help with and what he/she expects of you.
- Find a way to use your unique talents in the classroom.
- Remember that you are a guest in the teacher's class.
- Give your teacher a way to get in contact with you.
- Listen to the students' stories with an open mind.
- Report any incidence of harm/abuse immediately to a trusted teacher, the MTI Coordinator
- Work with students in places where other teachers and volunteers will be around.
- Be honest and forthright in all matters except those relating to your personal life. (Re-direct behavior and omit information)
- Realize that you may not be seeing the entire situation. A teacher's inaction may mean that she is already handling the situation in her own way.
- Wear your nametag at all times.
- Keep your mentee's name to yourself. Exercise confidentiality.
- Tell a teacher if a student's behavior is inappropriate.
- Get a copy of the school's handbook and learn the rules.
- Be a role model of the behavior you would like to see from students (remain calm, polite, use appropriate language, etc.)
- Follow your teacher's guidelines regarding personal boundaries (ie. hugging and slapping hands)

Don't:

- Sit in the back of the class waiting to be told what to do.
- Jump to immediate conclusions about a situation.
- Give out your personal information to the students you are working with.
- Share your own personal stories on inappropriate topics (alcohol, parties, relationships, etc.)
- Keep any situation that you are unsure of to yourself.
- Give a ride to any student you are working with, no matter what the situation.
- Arrange to meet with a student in a closed location.
- Tell a lie for one of your students.
- Tell a lie about yourself.
- Keep observed suspicious behavior to yourself.
- Stay at a party if one of your mentees shows up.
- Bring any illegal substances/objects into a school (cigarettes, pocket knives, etc).
- Tell your friends/classmates specific information about the child you are mentoring.
- Discipline a student.
- Bring in and distribute any type of outside pamphlet to your mentee.
- Get discouraged if you don't see immediate results
- Criticize the teacher to students/faculty
- Bring a cell phone into the school
- Go over the teacher's head
- Give out your screenname or AIM information