



### Hopes and Dreams Chandelier

During Parent Orientation, we make this a parent station. We provide pieces of ribbon, sharpie markers and an instruction sign for parents.

The sign says: "What are your hopes and dreams for your child? Not only for them at school, but for their life. Write them down on the ribbon, make sure to leave room to tie it onto our wheel chandelier. We will keep these hanging in our classroom as a reminder of your hopes and dreams for your child. If at any point in the year you have a new hope or dream, feel free to come in and add to our Hopes and Dreams Chandelier."

After parents hang ribbons, we allow students to string beads to add to our classroom chandelier and, as we add their beads, the students get to tell us one thing they hope to learn in Pre-K.

When parents come into the classroom to volunteer and they notice their child has reached some of the hopes or dreams they had placed on the chandelier the first day, the parents will often take down the dream that has become a reality and replace it with a new hope.

The Chandelier is also a great reminder that sometimes parents do not hope and dream for only academic success. Most of our ribbons are about having a love for learning, others, and themselves. This chandelier reminds us of the tremendous responsibility we as teachers have to not only help students reach academic milestones, but also social, emotional and cognitive ones that will affect the rest of their lives.

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