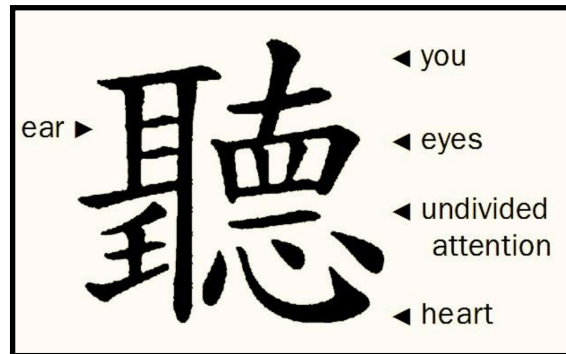


## Ten Ways to Honor Learners

The Chinese symbol “to listen” tells it all. You listen with your eyes, your undivided attention, your ears, and most importantly your heart. Withhold comment until you understand, paraphrase their words to demonstrate that you are listening and understanding. Listen for the feelings as well as the words (Gibbs 93).



### Checklist for Honoring Learners:

- ✓ Interact with **respect**, sincerity, and empathy
- ✓ Create a **character-centered** environment free from threat
- ✓ Use **encouragement** to communicate a belief in their abilities and desire to do well
- ✓ Provide opportunities for your learners to share their struggles and **dreams**
- ✓ Maintain a high degree of **enthusiasm** and excitement
- ✓ Use meaningful **strategies** to assess what they know
- ✓ Offer multiple opportunities for learners to share their ideas and opinions.
- ✓ Help learners to **evaluate** their own efforts through **goal-setting**.
- ✓ Avoid sarcasm and put-downs
- ✓ Keep learning fun, engaging, and relevant
- ✓ Remind learners of their importance and potential.

Life Principle: **COMPASSION** - resources include quotes, literature lessons, etc.

**EXPECTATION #1**

We will value one another as  
unique and special  
individuals.

**“HOLD YOURSELF TO A  
HIGHER STANDARD THAN  
ANYONE ELSE EXPECTS OF  
YOU!”**

-- HENRY WARD BEECHER

**A POEM FOR MY STUDENTS**

If you don't do well today,  
I will love you anyway.

How you struggle,  
how you try; that is  
what I'll judge you by!

**EXPECTATION #7**

WE WILL ENCOURAGE  
EACH OTHER TO DO OUR  
BEST!