



What Does Your Mentee Say About You?

At Seedling, we are well-known for our comprehensive annual program evaluation. An external researcher analyzes the results of on-line surveys of mentors, teachers, and School Contacts. We also look to see what trickle-down outcomes there may be in terms of attendance rates, behavior profiles, and achievement scores. Information about the 2014-2015 report will be published later this month.

Perhaps the most poignant information comes from the surveys of students. Please enjoy these affirmations.

91% When I am with my mentor, I feel important.

95% When something is bugging me, my mentor listens while I talk about it.

96% When I am with my mentor, I feel happy.

Students are asked what one thing they would change about their mentor.

One interesting theme was that a small number of students wish their mentors came on a different day of the week. If your schedule permits some flexibility, consider exploring this topic with your mentee.

“The best thing about my mentor is...”

- ❖ She is very sweet and kind and believes in me.
- ❖ He is sooo nice.
- ❖ I can tell her anything.
- ❖ She cares about me when something happens to me.
- ❖ He always listens to what I say.
- ❖ She has never lied to me.
- ❖ He likes to hang out with me.
- ❖ She has glasses like me.
- ❖ He sits with me.
- ❖ She listens to me and lets me explain things about me and we play.
- ❖ He always listens and even if it is raining he comes.

Note this compelling statistics about other responses to what students would like to change about their mentor:

Fully **two-thirds** of the students responded that the thing they would change is some version of **“nothing at all”** or expressed a wish that their mentors would come twice a week or every day!