



Establishing a ritual with your mentee adds a deeper level of familiarity and comfort to the relationship. Your rituals are celebrations of your bond and wonderful ways to say “I care about you.” They are the groundwork of good closure.

Ritual ideas

Share a hello hug, fist bump or high five with your mentee when you say so long each week.

Tell each other a joke and laugh together before you part ways.

Create a secret handshake.

Sing a song together.

Share your week’s highs and lows, or sunshine and cloud, or your rose and thorn.

Celebrate your friendship by sharing a special dessert or food on the yearly anniversary of your match.

Ask your mentee what he/she would like to do as your ritual!

Saying so-long for the summer

Even if you have every expectation to return to mentor in the fall, it is still crucial to plan a mini-closure to say so-long for the summer months. Life happens and you may not be able to keep your promise.

Share your feelings about the match and about the summer break; encourage your mentee to share as well.

Reminisce about things you have done during the year together.

Give your mentee a care package. Assemble items your mentee can use over the summer, such as sunscreen, puzzles or word games, a blow up beach ball, dime store flip flops, a water bottle.

Closure ideas

Create a project that helps you remember each other.

Make a memory book together.

Write a poem about your relationship.

Pick a song that characterizes your relationship.

Write a letter to your mentee and express positive and confident hopes for his/her future.

Make a friendship bracelet.

Say **Thank You** to your mentee, for the time he/she has shared with you.