

SCHOOL-BASED UPDATES



RECONNECTIONS

For most of our Littles, it is week 3 of school. I hope each and everyone of you have heard from your Match Specialist about the reconnection date for your School-based Match. If you have not been contacted, please contact your Match Specialist or email Kelly at kelly@centralgulfbbs.org so we can make it happen. For those of you who have been reconnected, we have loved seeing all the smiling faces! Please check out our social media pages where we shared your reconnection pictures. We encourage you to reshare! Most volunteers find us because a friend/coworker shared their experience.

GOAL SETTING

For those who have been reconnected, have you set your goals for the 2023-2024 school year? Are you wondering how to set goals? Check out this video about goal setting <https://youtu.be/h8IyPEZO-PA?si=PBTgcfo-Bnnd-k7J>

You and your Little can watch together and brainstorm afterwards to set goals. The three areas we like to set goals in are:

- Academics
- Social/Behavioral
- Personal Improvement

Kids who set goals have been shown to accomplish more than those who don't, too. And this doesn't just mean they accomplish their goals more. Those kids who have a forward-thinking mindset are more successful in almost all aspects of their adult lives. They can see what needs to be done, they can see how they can get there, and they're not afraid to act on it. Being able to set goals also causes kids to aim higher. When they start accomplishing goals and their confidence builds, kids know that they can do more. Their next goal will be a little bigger, and the one after that even bigger.

ACTIVITY BINS/MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

For the schools we make matches in, there should be an activity bin with games, drawing materials, cards, and outdoor items in a designated location at the school. Now is a great time for staff to add items. If there is something you would like added to the bin at your Little's school, please let Kelly know at kelly@centralgulfbbs.org. For those of you who don't have Activity Bins, Gale, our Baldwin County Match Specialist, has put together a weekly activities sheet with conversation starters, games, jokes and other fun activities. [Click here to view.](#)