Teach Conflict Resolution Skills

Why should I do it:

- Many students lack basic skills necessary for solving and resolving daily conflicts with other students, adults, authority figures, etc
- Enables and empowers students to be more independent and highly functioning
- Reduces teacher's time "putting out fires"
- Increases instructional time
- Promotes maturity
- Improves self confidence
- Reduces tattling, bickering, and disruptions

When should I do it:

- Conflict resolution skills are good to teach all kids in your classes at the beginning of the year and then again once a month to keep the strategies fresh in kids minds
- When students bicker, argue, and fight a lot
- When you lose time due to student conflicts and disagreements
- When a student is being suspended a lot due to fighting and conflicts with students and adults
- When students have trouble compromising, taking turns, sharing, etc

How do I do it:

- **IMPORTANT NOTE!**
    - *At the Tier 1 Level, think of doing conflict resolution lessons and interventions for the whole class or groups*
    - *At the Tier 2 level, think of doing conflict resolution lessons and interventions for groups and individuals*
    - *At the Tier 3 level, think of customizing specific conflict resolution lessons and interventions for specific students*
- There are many skills and strategies for teaching kids conflict resolution, many of which can be found and explored below under support & resources
- These lessons and ideas for teaching the skills, found below, can be done with individual students, a small group, or the whole class
- Conflict resolution skills should be taught and revisited on a regular basis and should include role playing to practice the skills
- When students fail to use the taught skills, have them reflect on how they could have handled the situation or conflict and role play it with them

- Model proper conflict resolution skills for your kids with any opportunity you get, and point out to the students afterward how you used the skills