Counselor Corner



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What is an area that your student can do ongoing work in throughout their K-12 education and in life? It's in the area of developing effective social skills and fostering healthy friendships. It's an important skill that will have new challenges at each developmental level which will bring up critical conversations where you can work through different situations and what your child can do next time after learning from that last one, if applicable. Please look below as see the page called "Social Skills Kids Need" and honestly answer what areas you feel like are your child's areas of strength and which areas are ones that needed further development. On the right side, you can see the "Games to Teach Social Skills" and possibly line up some games that might be an opportunity to practice those skills with your child. For example, if your child struggles with self-control, you can use the game Jenga to practice that skill. These two forms weren't made to be paired together and not games match up with the social skills needed, however it just gives some options to think about and you can be creative at home with the games you have and what would be helpful for your child to work on.



Social Skills		
	Try This Game	To Teach
1	Jenga	Self-Control
2	Team Pictionary	Teamwork
3	Chess	Decision- Making
4	Charades	Social Cues
5	Guess Who?	Conversations
6	CandyLand	Turn Taking
7	Scrabble	Flexibility
8	"Feelings" Uno	Emotions