



Home Connection

Agree to Disagree

Dear _____,

Today in class, we learned that to “**agree to disagree**” doesn’t have to be the only solution when two people don’t agree on a topic. We learned that:

1. Disagreement is healthy. In order for our ideas to be well thought out, we need to be challenged. A disagreement is an opportunity to sharpen our position and improve our conversation skills.
2. When we set aside our need to win the argument, we open up the possibility of learning something new. If we know that our position will be respected, we may feel less defensive and more open to new ideas.
3. When entering into conversations for the sake of understanding rather than changing minds, the relationship between you and the other person can be strengthened. Statements like, “You make a good point...” “I agree with you that...”, “That’s something I think we both can agree upon.” can show respect and collaboration.

We reviewed conversation connectors and practiced using them with a partner.

Please encourage your student to practice using the conversation connectors at home to have more robust, respectful conversations.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best,
