

Santiago Charter *Middle School*

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Focus On Relationships

Life is about building relationships. We are teaching our students how to build strong, healthy relationships that will last a lifetime.

To kick-off the school year, we held an assembly and defined empathy as “caring and understanding other people’s feelings.” Then, we started a Santiago Movement. As a part of this movement, our PBIS (Positive Behavior

Intervention and Supports) Club is running a 1,000 Acts of Empathy Challenge in which students caught being empathetic toward a peer are acknowledged and celebrated.

In addition to this challenge, Mrs. Hurdle has started a Friendship Club that invites Santanas to create relationships with the Santanas they have not met yet. This club meets on a regular basis and exceeds 60 students.

Santiago is proud to foster a culture that’s inclusive of all Santanas and ensures that students build positive relationships with their peers and celebrate one another’s differences in a caring and empathetic way.

