Providing a nurturing learning environment.

Being supportive is about interacting meaningfully with each student and encouraging growth in a trusting and nurturing environment.

- Engage student interest with every lesson.
  - Motivates students to put more effort into their work, translating to higher achievement
  - Piques students’ natural curiosity about the subject matter
  - Helps students connect with the “why” of learning

- Interact meaningfully with every student.
  - Shows students that they are unique and that you care about them
  - Helps you find areas of common interest among students, which can be used to build engaging lesson plans

- Create an oasis of safety and respect in the classroom.
  - Contributes to students’ feelings of safety and acceptance
  - Helps students feel confident when stepping outside of their comfort zones and when taking risks to meet learning goals
  - Allows students to stumble, make adjustments, and get back on track

- Use feedback to encourage effort.
  - Helps students evaluate their performance
  - Provides opportunities for improvement when feedback is growth-oriented, specific, actionable, and timely

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