



Classes held in person 633 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey

> Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:00

WINTER CLASSES

1/3 For parents of 3-4 year olds

1/17 For parents of 2-3 year olds

1/31 For parents of 1-2 year olds

2/28 For parents of 0-1 year olds

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SELF-REGULATION

The ability to control our thoughts, feelings and behaviors in ways that help us to function day-today and achieve our goals. -emergingminds.com.au

Horacio Sanchez, author of The Education Revolution, says, "Self-regulation is not only the greatest predictor of academic success but also of success in life."

How can we help children with self-regulation? One method is called grounding. Dr. Lucy Russell, a clinical child psychologist explains grounding as being like a "magic trick" where you can help a child switch from focusing on "scary or negative emotions to their senses in the present moment."

Please note that it is important to practice grounding techniques not only regularly, but when the child is calm, because you cannot ask a child to do a new behavior when upset, "unless they have done it consistently when they are calm."

Here is a simple physical grounding technique from healthline.com to practice a few minutes each day: "Pick up or touch items near you. Are the things you touch soft or hard? Heavy or light? Warm or cool? Focus



on the texture and color of each item. Challenge yourself to think of specific colors, such as crimson, burgundy, indigo, or turquoise, instead of simply red or blue."

In the next couple of newsletters, we will provide more grounding techniques for you to practice. You may find some that you prefer to others, and that's okay! Trying them out helps you find what works best for your child.