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| Non-specific praise | Specific praise |
| “Great job!” | “Sean, you kept trying even when the problems became harder!” |
| “I’m proud of you” | “Kaitlin, you went back to check your work – that extra step was a great idea!” |
| “You got an A!” | “Angie, those extra practice problems you did really made a difference!” |
| “You’re so smart!” | “Victor, your ideas are really interesting!” |
| “I I think you’re a great kid!” | “Bridgette, you were a good friend to Suzie when you gave her your pencil to use” |
| “Wonderful” | “Juan, finishing that worksheet in 10 minutes was hard work but you stuck with it!” |
| “Awesome” | “Jan Luis, you lined up this morning the first time you were asked! That was acting respectfully!” |
| “You’re such a good boy!” | “Rohan, you stayed in your seat for that whole lesson!” |
| “Great job!” | “Lavalas, I see you raised your hand quietly and waited for me to call on you” |