The Language of Community

Send messages of inclusiveness, community and collaboration:

**We**  **Our**  **Us**
The Language of Identity

Inform students that learning is doing and acting authentically:

Mathematicians, Writers, Thinkers, Scientists
The Language of Agency

Inform students that they are active decision makers in the learning process:

• How are you planning...?
• What did you decide?
• What are you wondering?
The Language of Noticing and Naming

Notice the *thinking* that students are doing:

- That is an interesting connection.
- You have thought of some good ideas.
- That’s a new way to look at this.
The Language of Knowing

Frame thinking and ideas as being conditional:
It might be.
What is another perspective?
One way to think about it...
The Language of Feedback and Praise

Provide feedback that will guide future learning:

That was an interesting idea. You put a lot of effort into this. Your thinking took our learning into a new direction.

Tell your partner what still challenges you.