# EMPOWERING TRANSITIONS: HELPING STUDENTS THRIVE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## GOAL SETTING

Outline academic and social goals for the year. Create a vision board or goal chart together.

## **STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP**

Teach effective study techniques and time management. Create a simple study schedule together.

#### SOCIAL SKILLS GAMES

Engage in role-playing scenarios to build social skills, like making friends or asking for help.

#### **READING TOGETHER**

Choose a book about transition or friendship. Discuss characters' experiences and relate them to the student's feelings.

## **REFLECTION JOURNALS**

Start a journal for thoughts on the transition. Prompt with questions like, "What are you excited about?"

## EXTRACURRICULAR EXPLORATION

Explore clubs and activities at the new school. Help identify interests and plan involvement.

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Practice communicating with teachers. Role-play scenarios to build confidence.

## MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES

Introduce relaxation techniques to manage anxiety. Simple breathing exercises or guided meditations can help.

