

Ideas Gathered From Teachers

Circle ideas for the classroom...

Morning Meeting/Circle to start the day 15 - 30 minutes

1. Greeting - stand and approach someone in the circle and greet them with a greeting (good morning, name, have a good day, name) and pass them the talking piece
2. Share what you enjoy and how you feel about the month of ____ then pass the talking piece to your left
3. Sharing time - One student shares something interesting that is happening in their life. Others in the Circle are then able to ask questions
4. Create a respectful, quiet and timely environment in circle by turning our the lights, counting down from 5, not participating if dawdling, and by pulling our a stick with a students name on it to decide who will begin

End of the day Circle to close out the day - 5 - 10 minutes

1. Share something you learned today
2. Share something that happened to you today
3. Share something you are proud about.
4. Just for fun, bring kitchen utensils from home. Use one for the talking piece and ask students to state one use for the utensil that it is not normally used for.
5. Meet in circle with a class after a day with a substitute. First ask the students to evaluate their day with the substitute, then read the substitute;s letter/report. Celebrate the good, an problem solve the bad to prevent trouble from happening again. Have students put them self in the teacher's shoes by asking: " If you were the teacher an gone for a day an come back to find out your class was bad... what would you do an how would your feel?"

"If you were the teacher and the Principal said you need to come up with a fair consequence for your class's poor behavior...what would you do?"

6. A fifth grade class who has been conducting a morning meeting/circle has invited in a sixth grade class in to participate and learn from them.