



Brock University

Morning Classroom Activities

Purpose

The purpose of these activities is to set the tone of the day from the time student's step off the bus and into your classroom. They provide students with a morning energizer that gets them thinking and prepares them for a full day of classroom exercises and activities.

Activity 1: Circle Time

Instructions

- Circle time is always a great activity to start the day with younger students. Begin with a morning song such as "who took the cookies from the cookie jar". This song brings on excitement and mystery while also allowing teachers to be inclusive and involve all the students in the classroom. Every student also gets a day where they are granted "attention", which gives them a boost of acknowledgement in the classroom.
- Another simple circle activity is "mystery item", where you place an item in a box and encourage a 10-questions type of guessing game. You can give the students a clue or theme, such as a "food" item or a "circular shaped" object. This object can also be connected to any themes or subjects you will be focusing on in class that day, such as shapes and numbers.
- Joke telling is also another great idea as an energizer and mood enhancer in the morning. Encourage students to share a joke they know with the class. Call on students one at a time until you run out of time, while also telling your own jokes to make the students feel more comfortable.
- Giving students your attention allows them to feel a part of the classroom and defines their role within it.

Activity 2: Quote of the Day

Instructions:

Dedicate a day of the month to each student in your class. Have a student find a quote for their day and write it on the board first thing in the morning. Have the students explain this quote to the class, why they chose it, and how it inspires them. Allow students to use poems, books, movies, and songs. Get creative and allow students to present their piece that it is from (i.e. play the song; show the clip of the movie, etc.). Have all students in the class record these daily quotes in their journal and write how they feel about them. This allows you as the teacher to learn about the students' personalities, and it encourages students to think about how they view the world.

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