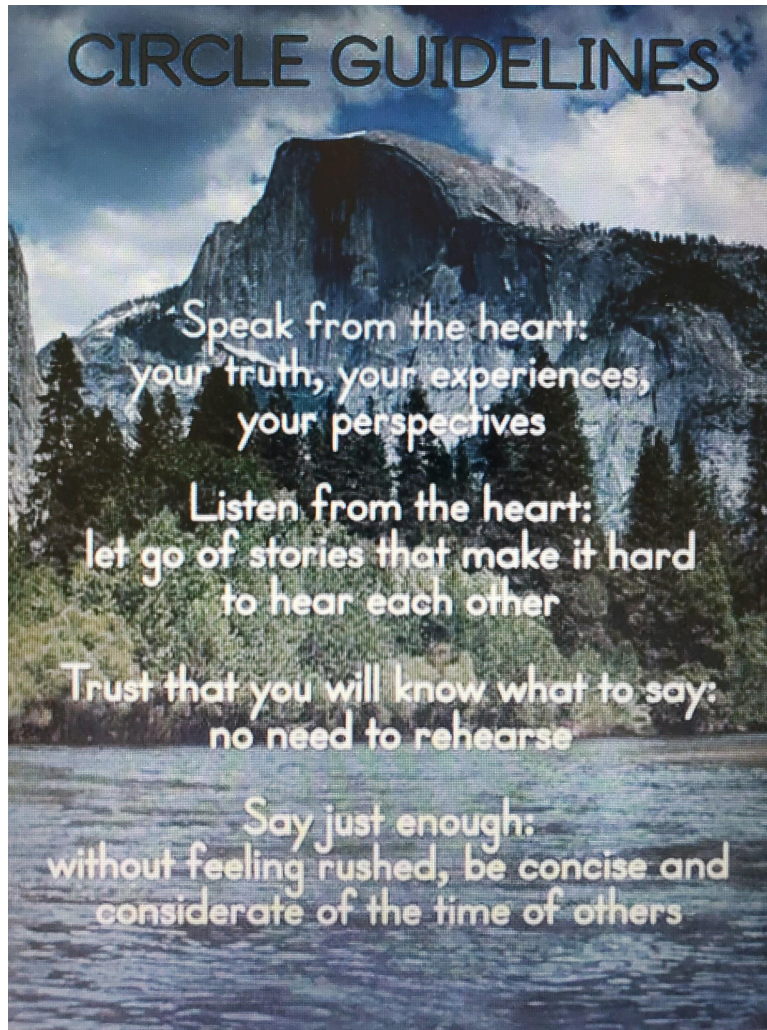


Circle Guidelines & Restorative Question Cards

Below are SRCS Circle Guidelines and Restorative Questions along with brief descriptions of when to use them with your class!



1. **Circle Guidelines:**

This is a useful tool when facilitating circles. Before every circle, go over the **Circle Guidelines** before everyone speaks so that students know what is expected when speaking. Once students are comfortable, you can ask if they would like to say aloud the guidelines.

Also make sure to include

- **“Respect the Talking**

Piece” (one person speaking at a time)

- **Maintain**

Confidentiality: “protect the source, share the

wisdom”. This is to ensure

that students aren’t sharing what others say in circle.

2. Circle Prompt Suggestions for community building

CIRCLE PROMPT SUGGESTIONS:

CHECK IN:

- How are you feeling today? Today I am feeling...or show thumbs up, down, sideways.
- What are you excited about doing today?

GET TO KNOW YOU:

- If you were an animal what would you be and why?
- I feel scared when....sad when...angry when...happy when...

COMMUNITY BUILDING:

- Thank you for....I appreciate...(About something that happened today)
- What is your favorite thing to do in school? At home?

CHECK OUT:

- The best thing about circle today was...
- Right now I am feeling...

RESTORATIVE QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

(ASK ALL CHILDREN)

WHAT HAPPENED?

If children are too upset, you can state "the facts": ex. It looks like you both want a turn at the same time on the swing.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

If child is not sure, ask: "It looks like you feel... Is that right?"

WHO IS HURT? HOW?

If child is not sure, offer "It looks like your friend is hurt." Model empathy by attending to the one who is hurt.

HOW CAN WE MAKE IT BETTER?

How can we help?
What needs to happen next?



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3. Restorative Questions

These are helpful questions when responding to conflict or hurt within the classroom.

4. Reminders for the circle facilitator / adults using these questions



REMINDER TO ADULTS

- 1. Move in close.**
- 2. Make sure everyone is safe.**
- 3. State what you see happening.**
- 4. Use a calm voice. Get comfortable.**
- 5. Your job is to understand all viewpoints, not decide who is right or wrong.**
- 6. Wait and let them come up with solutions on their own if possible.**