Easy Ways to Add Structure And Build Community

Management Tips and Tricks
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Energizer: My Weather Forecast

- Helpful for Monday’s Morning Meeting
  - Can get a sense of how children are feeling starting the new week
- Share and then the Day’s work begins!

How I feel every Sunday night
I must stop Monday from coming... but how?
Routines for Adding More Structure
Love and Logic Approach

- Helps teachers handle tricky behavior situations
  - Gives you wording to be firm, but kind
- Puts teachers in control
  - More energy at end of day!
- Teaches kids to think for themselves
  - Brainstorm Own Solutions and Consequences
- Provides choices (that you like) within limits
**Love and Logic Go-To Phrases**

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<th>Raise your hand if you want to talk to me.</th>
<th>I listen to people who raise their hands. Thank you.</th>
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<td>Turn your assignment in on time or you’ll get a lower grade.</td>
<td>I give full credit for papers turned in on time.</td>
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<td>Don’t be bothering your neighbors.</td>
<td>You’re welcome to participate as long as it isn’t causing a problem.</td>
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<td><strong>You can’t go to the restroom until I finish the directions.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Feel free to go to the restroom when I’m not giving directions.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Don’t sharpen your pencil while I’m talking.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>No talking in line.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Quiet lines go to recess on time.</strong></td>
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Love and Logic: Problem Behavior

- I love you too much to argue.
- I’ll be happy to listen when your voice is calm like mine.
- What do you think I think?
- On a scale of 1-10, how good of a decision do you think that was?
- Student saying “I can’t do that!”
  - Teacher response: Aren’t you glad I don’t believe that?
- Oh no! This is really sad. I’m going to have to do something about this. But, not now... later. Try not to worry about it.
Think, Pair, Share

Questioning Technique: Hold up fingers to your heart to show the number of ideas you want to share.

Which Love and Logic Phrase(s) do you feel will be effective with your students?
Love and Logic: Guiding Students to Solve Problems

Step One: Empathy

- How sad. I’ll bet that makes you unhappy.

Step Two: Send the “Power Message”

- What do you think you’re going to do? I’d like to hear your ideas.

Step Three: Offer Choices

- Would you like to hear what other kids have tried?

Step Four: Have the student state the consequences

- And how will that work for you?

Step Five: Give Permission for the student to either solve problem or not solve the problem

- Good luck. Let me know how that works out.
Think Before You Speak

- Offers thoughtful steps to help children think about choice of words
- Model with examples and non-examples with real-world situations students might encounter
Rearranging Desks

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Dear Teacher, I talk to everyone.
Moving my seat will not help.

Hey Teacher
I really love the way you make your seating charts.
Keeping Desks Neat - Clean Desk Fairy

- Create diagram as a class on how desks should look/be organized
- Desk Fairy visits classroom after dismissal and awards tickets to clean desks
- You don’t believe, you don’t receive Rule
Collecting Work

- Quick visual for teacher
- Especially helpful for a task where students have the week to complete and need to manage their time

Students Turn in Work and Clip their Number to their Paper.
Calming Music

- Sets the tone for the classroom
- Relaxing music—fun for teacher, too!
- Upgrade to Commercial Free
- Kid Approved Pandora Stations:
  - Rockabye Baby
  - Classical For Studying
  - Piano Guys
Hallway Behavior - Secret Walker

- Pick a student at random and watch that one student in hallway
- If behavior was positive, honor that student and give a class reward
  - Holds all students accountable
  - Students rely on one another
  - Constant reinforcement of hallway expectations
The Dreaded Day When You Need A Substitute

- Students are like teachers—they love colorful post-it Notes!
- Substitute rewards polite and helpful students with a post-it note to add to the board
- You have something happy to come back to and can reward students on the board
  - Treasure Basket
    - Brainstorm items Together
    - Add items to class wishlist
Routines for Building Community
Stand and Deliver

Quick Way to have students share thinking and connect to others

What one word comes to your mind when you think about how you want students to feel in your classroom?
Classroom Agreements

- Mutual Respect:
  Treating others the way I want them to treat me, makes us a strong learning community.

- Attentive Listening:
  I’ll do my part and listen with my eyes, my ears, my heart.

- Appreciations/ No Put-Downs:
  I will treat others kindly through my words and deeds. I know that putdowns are not what we need.

- Right to Pass:
  I have the right to pass if I don’t care to share in community circle or anywhere.

- Personal Best:
  I will always do my personal best on every assignment, project or test.
The Power of a Good Read Aloud
Growth Mindset - Positive Self Talk

Don't give up until you are proud.

Mistakes are proof that you are trying.

Every mistake you make is progress.

I can do hard things.

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Marcia Brown

Beautiful Oops! by Barney Saltzberg
Morning Community Circle Meetings

- Weekend Weather Forecast
- Warm Fuzzies For Classmates - Build a spider web to connect our class
Buddy Bench

“TREAT EVERYBODY LIKE IT’S their birthday.”

“YOU CAN’T thinking anything nice to say, you’re not thinking hard enough”

Kid President
Proud Narwhal of the Week

Creative, Responsible, Funny, Polite, Caring, Lovable
Happy-Go-Lucky, Generous, Intelligent, Smart, Brave, Cooperative
Quick, Awesome, Respectful, Attentive, Clever, Faithful, Good Heart

Smart, Brilliant, Intelligent, Clever, Thoughtful, Kind, Faithful
Hopeful, Loving x 2, Friendly, Funny, Trustworthy, Reliable, Responsible
Happy-Go-Lucky, Creative, Fortunate, Cooperative, Word Smart
Pic Collage on Friday

Idea from Joel Stuemke, BCE :)
Good Luck Letters

FERRIS!

I know you will do your personal best.
Sending you thoughts of love from home.

Lucky Clover
Lucky Penny

MOM

Sawyer

you are so...

sweet

funny

smart

silly

loving

...and I love you so much!!!
Sidewalk Chalk Graffiti Wall

Idea from Kassey LeBlanc, BCE :)

Instructions:

- Gather supplies:
  - Sidewalk chalk in various colors
  - A dry, flat surface

- Choose a theme or design

- Draw with chalk:
  - Use the sidewalk as your canvas
  - Create a variety of designs, shapes, and messages

- Encourage creativity and fun!

- Clean up with a damp cloth

Enjoy your sidewalk chalk graffiti wall!
WHO SAYS TEACHING IS STRESSFUL?
I'M 39, AND I FEEL GREAT!

Thank you!
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