

Morning Meeting Overview

Goals of Morning Meeting

1. To set the tone for respectful and engaged learning in a climate of trust
2. To create the positive power of community by fulfilling students' need to belong, to feel significant, and to have fun
3. To model and practice social and emotional skills
4. To merge social, emotional, and academic learning

Format of Morning Meeting

- Rules and procedures are posted in meeting area
- Students sit in an even circle; teacher makes sure children practice sitting next to everyone, not just their friends
- Students come empty-handed
- The four components are done in the following order:
 - Greeting
 - Sharing
 - Group Activity
 - Morning Message
- Meeting is 20–30 minutes, depending on students' ages
- Management signal (such as a chime or raised hand) is taught and used to bring quiet and attention

Characteristics of Engaging Academics

Learning is active

Learning is interactive

Learning is appropriately challenging

Learning is purposeful

Learning is connected to students' interests and strengths

Learning is designed to give students some autonomy and control

Daily Morning Meeting Planner

Date: _____ Today's special events: _____

Curriculum connections: _____

	Skills to focus on/reinforce	Notes/reflections
Greeting		
Sharing <i>Format (circle one):</i> Around-the-Circle, Partner, Dialogue		
Group Activity <i>Type (circle one):</i> Song, Chant, Poem, Game, Other		
Morning Message Topic: How to read/work with the message:		

Weekly Morning Meeting Planner

Date: _____ This week's special events: _____

Curriculum connections: _____

Skills to focus on or reinforce: _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Greeting					
Sharing					
Group Activity					
Morning Message					

Reflections: