

# Restorative Circles:

## Building Community Through Repair

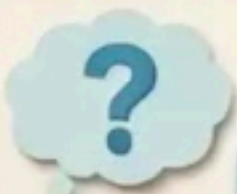
### The Restorative Philosophy

Shift from Rules to Relationships

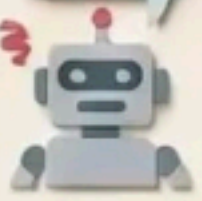


Focus on who was affected and how to repair the harm, rather than just which rule was broken.

#### Reflection vs. Forced Apologies



"I'm sorry"



Meaningful repair requires awareness of impact and ownership, not just a rushed, compliant "I'm sorry."

#### Protects Instructional Time



Addressing conflict correctly once saves hours of future disruptions by lowering social tension and resentment.

### Implementation Essentials

Three Types of Circles

Proactive (trust building)

Reflection (minor incidents)

Repair (serious harm)

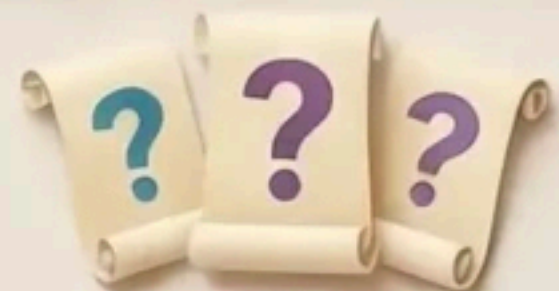
Use Proactive (trust building), Reflection (minor incidents), and Repair (serious harm) circles strategically.

#### The Power of the Talking Piece



Use a physical object to ensure only one person speaks while others listen without interruption.

#### The Essential Script



Ask three questions:  
What happened?  
Who was affected?  
What does our classroom need now?