Restorative Practices

SENTENCE STARTERS & HELPFUL LANGUAGE

1 Affirming Positive Behavior

- "I really appreciated when you..."
- "One thing that stood out to me was..."
- "You did a great job with..."

2 Addressing Classroom Work

- "I think there's an opportunity for you to revisit..."
- "A suggestion for next time might be to..."
- "When working in groups, perhaps you could try..."

3 Opening the Conversation

- "I've noticed..."
- "Can we talk about what happened?"
- "I'd like to understand your perspective on..."
- "Let's discuss this situation and find a way forward."

4 Describing Behavior & Its Impact

- "When [specific behavior] happened, I felt..."
- "The impact of [specific behavior] was..."
- "I was affected by [specific behavior] because..."

5 Encouraging Responsibility & Accountability

- "Can you help me understand why [specific behavior] happened?"
- "What were you thinking at the time?"
- "How do you think [affected person] felt about what happened?"

6 Exploring Solutions & Making Amends:

- "What can we do to make things right?"
- "How can we prevent this from happening again in the future?"
- "What support do you need to ensure [specific behavior] doesn't occur again?"

7 Helpful Language for Challenging Situations:

- "It's important to remember that everyone makes mistakes. It's how we address and learn from them that matters."
- "Let's take a step back and consider how we can address this situation in a way that benefits everyone."
- "I understand that emotions are high right now. Let's take a moment to collect our thoughts and approach this calmly."