Morning Meetings and Ways of Greeting!

Morning Meeting
Morning Meeting is a component of the Responsive Classroom approach to teaching which promotes student responsibility and reflection on their actions. Morning Meetings help to build a strong sense of community and foster an environment in which students feel safe and known.

The Components of Morning Meeting
1. Gather Students Together:
   - Have students sit together in an open space. Circles are great for this activity because they allow everyone to see one another.
   - Encourage students to sit next to different people each day.

2. Greeting:
   - Start out simple and easy, and add more fun creative ways to greet each other as students become more comfortable with one another.
   - Encourage students to make eye contact, smile and make their partner feel welcome when they are greeting them.

3. Share
   - Create a sharing schedule or a system to rotate student turns.
   - Assign a “topic of the week” or allow “free share.”
   - Establish rules for appropriate “share” topics or items.
   - After a student shares, he or she may take 3 questions from classmates.
   - Encourage students to avoid “yes/no” questions.

4. Activity
   - Calendar Math is a routine that could fit nicely into this portion of the Morning Meeting.
   - This can also be a time for routines such as attendance, lunch count and/or review of the day’s schedule.

5. Meeting Closing
   - End the Morning Meeting with a Class Pledge, Chant or Saying (i.e. Teacher asks, “Why are you here?” Students reply together, “I am here to learn!”)
50 Ways to Say Hello

1. Arabic-based languages – Marhaba (hello) sabah ul-khair (good morning)
2. Armenian – barev or parev
3. Australian – G'day
4. Bengali – namaskar
5. Bulgarian – dobro utro (morning)
6. Cambodian – Sua s’dei (Good Morning)
7. Chinese – Ni hao
8. Croatian – bok (informal) dobro jutro (morning)
9. Czech – Dobry rano
10. Danish – hej (informal, pronounced hey)
11. Dutch – Goedendag
12. English – hi, hello, hey, good morning
13. Fijian – bula uro (informal hello)
14. Finnish – Hyvää päivää
15. French – Bonjour
16. German – Guten Tag
17. Greek – Yia sou
18. Hawaiian – aloha
19. Hebrew – Shalom (hello, goodbye and peace)
20. Hindi – Namaste
21. Hopi – Mike
22. Hungarian – szia (informal)
23. Indonesian – halo (hello), seamat pagi (morning)
24. Irish – Dia Duit
25. Italian – Bon Giorno (good morning), ciao (hello, goodbye)
26. Japanese – Ohayou gozaimasu (good morning) konnichi wa (hello)
27. Korean – Ahn nyeong ha se yo
28. Lithuanian – sveiki (informal when speaking to more than one person)
29. Malaysian – selamat datang (also means welcome)
30. Mongolian – say-noo (informal)
31. Navajo – ya’at’eeh (hello or good)
32. Nepali – namaskar, namaste (informal)
33. Norwegian – hei (hi), hallo (hello), god morgen (good morning)
34. Persian – salaam (abbreviation of as-salaam-o-aleyhum, peace be upon you)
35. Polish – dzien dobry (good morning), czesc (hi)
36. Portuguese – bom dia (Good Morning)
37. Romanian – salut, buna dimineata (formal, morning)
38. Russian – Zdravstvuite
39. Serbian – zdravo, cao (informal)
40. Slovak – dobry den (formal)
41. Spanish – Hola (hello), buenos dias (good morning)
42. Swahili - habari
43. Swedish – Hej
44. Swiss German – gruezi
45. Tahitian – ia orana
46. Taiwanese – li-ho
47. Turkish – merhaba selam
48. Ukranian – dobriy ranok (formal, morning)
49. Vietnamese – xin chao
50. Zulu - sawubona

A dozen other ways to greet your classmates

1. Wave
2. Salute
3. Bow
4. Thumbs up
5. Peace sign
6. Handshake
7. Handshake students make up
8. High five
9. Ankle shake
10. Pinky shake
11. Tap on the shoulder
12. Elbow shake