

Kind Reminders for Noisy or Distracting Behavior

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Connection

Readers, I have some good news and some bad news. First, the bad news. Yesterday I was having a conference with someone, and I could hear a reader at the next table fooling around and talking kind of loud. That was bad news. But here's the good news. Just as I was about to go over to the table and talk to the noisy reader, I heard a kid say, "Excuse me... can you keep your voice quiet so I can concentrate on my reading?" You know why that is good news? It's good news because it was such a nice way to ask someone to be quiet.

Teach

I thought it would be a fantastic idea to create a chart with different ways to nicely tell people to talk more softly or to quit distracting them.

Active Engagement

Right now, turn to your neighbor and talk about ways you could tell someone in a nice way to be a little more quiet. (*Students turn and talk and generate ideas. Dip in and listen*) I heard some really smart ideas for telling someone to talk a little softer. (*Record the ideas on a chart for the room*). Now students, turn and talk to your partner about ways you could tell someone in a nice way that they are distracting you. (*Students turn and talk and generate ideas. Dip in and listen*) I heard some really smart ideas for telling someone that they are distracting them. (*Record the ideas on a chart for the room*).

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Today during reading time, and every day, make sure you use polite words from our chart when talking to your classmates. Remember we are a family.