

## Tips for Community Building Circles

### Core Circle Guidelines

- Respect the talking piece
- Speak from your heart
- Listen with your heart
- Speak with respect
- Remain in the circle
- Honor privacy

### Sample Prompting Questions

- Share a happy memory.
- What do you appreciate about your school?
- If you had an unexpected free day, what you like to do?
- If you were an animal, what animal would you be and why?
- What are three “gifts” (attributes of yourself) that you bring to the school community?
- What do you most appreciate about someone who is important to you in your life?

### Check-in Circle

- What value would you like to offer for our classroom?
- What is something that you are thankful for? Why?
- Talk about something that you want and something that you need. What is the difference?
- What is a goal you have for yourself? How will you celebrate yourself when you accomplish it?

### Check-out Circle

- Appreciate someone in the circle.
- Talk about one of your academic goals that you accomplished this week and how.
- Where do you see yourself moving forward?
- What can you take away that is useful to you?
- How will these insights help you in the next two weeks?



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- What do you think other people see as your best quality? Why?

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