Mental Health Issues in the School Setting

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Exercises for Positivity & Optimism

-Optimistic self-talk

-Focus on effort rather than results

-Write stories about happy memories

-Reframe negative statements to positive possibilities

-List things they can do to make things better

-Make a list of things that make them grateful (Gratitude List)

-Look for opportunities to be nice to others

-”Show me your friends and I will show you your future”

-Focus on the positive things

Teaching Responsibility in the Classroom

-Model responsibility

-Give students classroom jobs that rotate

-Have the best thing of the day start at the time you want them to arrive

-Provide structure so the students know what to do

-Have clear consequences

-Institute the token economy system

Exercises to Teach Leadership Skills

-Make different students leaders for different activities.

-Divide students into groups to build the largest tower with something.

-Divide students into groups and blindfold one student then others on the team have to direct him through the obstacle course.

-Play charades or other group guessing games.

-Divide in groups and have them make an article of clothing.

Exercises in Self-Regulation

-Red Light - Green Light

-Manikin in the window or strike a pose

-No talking

-Talking where you begin each sentence particular letter

-No negative talk for 30 minutes or hop on one leg for 15 seconds

-Talk only in a whisper for the next hour

-Write in cursive for an hour

-Simon Says

-Game where you say adjectives about a cat but you have to use an adjective that starts with the next letter in the alphabet from the person before you and you have to answer within the 4/4 rhythm of clapping

Exercises to Promote Prosocial Behaviors

-Collaborative learning exercises

-Team sports

-Skits

-Warm fuzzies

-Teach the language of compassion

-Make a card game of funny questions the students take turns choosing and answering

-Make a card game that asks students when did you feel (insert feeling word)

-Divide students into teams and play a trivia style game about etiquette or polite communication rules

Exercises to Build Empathy

-Divide students into pairs and have them take turn being blindfolded for an hour or so (must include a meal)

-Draw a picture from the vantage point of another student in the room

-Make up a story of another student’s existence in another culture or on another planet

-Get paint swatches and have the students say which color they think matches a specific object in the room then see if they all chose the same swatch

-Show the class pictures of optical illusions and have them write down what they see (Some see an old woman and others a candlestick)

-Have them write a story about a day in the life of their mom or dad when they were in their grade

What can I do for a near instant fix for stress?

* Yawn
* Laugh
* Get a 30 second hug
* Pet or play with your dog or cat
* Hum
* Go play in the dirt
* Make a list of 5 things you are grateful for right now
* Go outside for at least 20 minutes
* Listen to music that gives you chills or tingles