Untapping the Hidden Potential of Circle Time

Tips for Treasure Hunting

• Have a great attitude – it really makes a difference!
• Discover the power of the “Silly 2 Minute Warning”!
• Choices!
• Special Song (like “Rug Time”)
• Special Bag/boxes/containers (“Magic Bag”)

Hidden Treasures in Circle Time

Increased Learning/Academic Gains

Classroom Management

Social Emotional Development

Self-Regulation Development

Children learn best

• in connection
• with repetition
• when it’s fun
• by moving

Mini Circle Time

Extra centers
Letter/color/shape
Bible Story Book (story of the week or an ongoing book)
Connections

I Love You Rituals

Props and Magic Box/Bag

• Silly Glasses/Disguise
• Phone
• “Microphone”
• Ball
• Dice
• Activity Cube
• Favorite Anything Chooser Bag, Dice or Spinner
• Puppet
• Science Object
• Letter, number, color, shape
• _______________
• _______________
Simple Ways You Can Increase the Value of your Circle Time (details of example activity to be presented in session)

**Reinforce an Educational Concept with a Group Game**

- Example – “Pop Up Counting” (increase academic learning and classroom connection)

**Teach a Manner**

- Example – “Right, Silly Wrong, Right” w 2 Puppets

**Increase Self-Regulation Skills**

- Example – “Ice Cream Bath” (also helps develop imagination)

**Develop Imagination**

- Example – “Paper Bag Pull”

**Introduce and Streamline a Center**


**Take "Literature on the Move”**

- Example - Take an active book like The Snowy Day and act out all the motor movements.

**Encourage Early Writing**


**Create a More Connected Classroom**

- Example – “I Love You Ritual” Activity Chooser

**Combine Several of the Above**

- Example – “Puppet vs. Puppet” Math (increase academic learning, classroom connection and intro a center)