



Make & display an uplifting message around your school.

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Get Inspired

Quote

"Make each day your masterpiece."

John Wooten

Fact

Studies show that positive thinking helps with stress management and can even improve your health.



Shake It Up

Sing the song "If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands." Stomp your feet. Turn around. Shake your leg.

"I am happy!"



Talk It Out

1. What are some positive things we can say to ourselves or to others to feel happy and good? (As an example: You are AWESOME!)
2. How do you feel when you say those positive things?
3. How do you think other people feel when you say positive and encouraging things to them?



Do It!

1. Create 10 positive and uplifting messages on small pieces of paper.
2. Hang and display them around your class, school or home for everyone to see.
3. Enjoy the happy feelings you have from sharing positivity!

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SEL Competencies

Self-Awareness

Identifying Emotions
Accurate Self- Perception
Recognizing Strengths
Self-Confidence

Self-Management

Stress Management
Self-Motivation

Social Awareness

Perspective-Taking
Empathy
Respect for Others

Relationship Skills

Communication
Relationship Building

Timeframe

15 – 30 min

Materials Required

10 Post-It notes, index cards or slips of paper
Pens, markers or pencils
Tape



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Invite a student to read the quote.

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[Source](#): Mayo Clinic



Shake It Up

Get your students moving. Invite them to do the following activity:

Sing the song "If You're Happy and You Know It, Clap Your Hands." ...Stomp your feet ...Turn around ...Shake your leg. When finished have your students shout out, "I am happy!"



Talk It Out

Encourage your students to reflect on the provided questions.

1. What are some positive things we can say to ourselves or to others to feel happy and good? (Make a list as your students share their ideas. This will help your students when they begin creating their 10 positive notes.)
2. How do you feel when you say those positive things?
3. How do you think other people feel when you say positive and encouraging things to them?



Do It! (as a class + individually)

1. Have your students create 10 positive and uplifting messages on small pieces of paper. Encourage them to use ideas from the list the class created earlier or make up their own.
2. Suggestions: "You are loved!" "You are awesome!" "Your smile lights up the world." "You matter to me." "The world is better because you're in it." "This is your day. Make it a great one!"
3. If appropriate, let your students go around and hang up their 10 notes during class time. Otherwise, tell them to hang them up around their home after school. (Refrigerators, doors and windows are great hanging places!)
4. As a follow up, ask your students to share the feelings they experienced.