




CLOSE INTENTIONALLY Sentence Starters

Teachers who are driven to inspire joy recognize that every instructional ending provides an opportunity to CLOSE INTENTIONALLY. The closure of your lesson, can not be: put your books away or here's the homework assignment. Teachers must focus on Character, Excellence, and Community as a catalyst to impact the learning culture beyond the classroom. Having the students thinking about how they will do the right thing, did they do their very best, or what they will do for others.

Character: Will you do the right thing?

- What did you enjoy....
- What can you learn from...
- Why is it important to...
- What is the most unique characteristic you learned today?
- Why is it good to...
- How does...help us reflect about ourselves?
- Would you make...a part of your everyday routine?
- How can you show gratitude each day?
- How did...make you feel?
- Did you show leadership during...
- Which character trait was challenging for you today?
- How did you demonstrate character during today's group work?





Excellence: Will you do your very best?

- What was difficult about...
- Did you have fun...
- Why is having a physical symbol of...a helpful reminder?
- Did you do your very best on...
- What can you change to do your very best on the next...
- Did your group get the very best from you?
- Were you the person you want to be during...
- Did you seek support when...
- Did you communicate effectively during...
- What is one thing that kept you from performing your best today?
- How will you be even better at...tomorrow?

Community: What will you do for others today?

- Did you have any disagreements...How did you come to a solution?
- How can you practice...at home?
- How can we apply...to empathize with others?
- How can you follow up with your partner to...
- Why should we show...to someone?
- Did you practice teamwork during...
- Did you resolve conflict constructively during...
- Did you offer support to...
- Who could you teach...
- Who in this class might teach you about...
- What is one thing you could do to make our class community even stronger?

