

Restorative Practices

Restorative Circles

Student Reflection: Elementary School

After watching the video about Restorative Circles, think about your answers to the questions below and share your answers with your classroom community.

- 1. This film shows teachers learning how to lead Restorative Circles with their classes. What do you think about teachers learning how to lead Restorative Circles? Why?

- 2. One of the leaders, Hanaa Arafat, says, "Listening is more important than sharing." Why does it mean to "share" in a conversation? Do you agree with Hanaa Arafat's statement? Why or why not?

- 3. When people listen to you, does it make you feel important? Why or why not? How do you know when people are listening to you?

- 4. How do you show others that you are actively listening to them?

- 5. How does it feel when you take time to listen to others? Why?

- 6. Have you ever used a "Talking Piece" in your class? If so, how does it work? If not, would you like to? Why?
