

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

MANTRA MONDAY

TRY-IT TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THANKFUL

FREEBIE FRIDAY

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Self-Esteem Interactive Lesson

Sketch or jot down one thing

yourself a big hug. Now speak

one kind word to yourself. Repeat exercise with the

opposite arm on top.

Inhale and bring your arms out in a T. Exhale and give

Self-hug

Self-Esteem Gratitude

about yourself that you are

grateful for.

Self-Esteem Mantra

The things that make me different are the things that make me ME"

Bring your awareness to each sody part and notice what you

observe.

Close your eyes or look down.

Sit in a comfortable position.

Body Scan

3 Wishes

When it's hard to be kind to someone, send them 3 wishes: May you be happy, May you be healthy. May you be peaceful.

"I own my device, not the

other way around"

Connection Mantra

Tree Circle

Everyone stands in a circle and does their best tree pose. Once your branches (arms) are raised connect hands. See how long you can hold with the support of your circle.

Box Breath

Breathe in for 4, Hold for 4, Breathe out for 4. Hold for 4. Try this when you are faced with a challenge.

"I am worthy of happiness

and success"

Purpose Mantra

Take a Pause

When you're thinking about making a choice that isn't healthy, ask yourself how is this good for me?

"It's going to be okay"

Choice Mantra

Connection Gratitude

Write a letter to someone you are grateful for.

you are graterui ior.

Resilience Gratitude

It will be hard but you can do it.

Wall Sit

Put your back on the wall and bend your knees to sit against the wall. Hold for 30 seconds.

Write about a challenge you have faced with courage.

Choice Gratitude

Think about one healthy choice you made today. Promise to yourself that you will make this choice again tomorrow.

For 1 minute, choose to do jumping jacks or jog in place.

Make Your Choice

Healthy Relationships Interactive Lesson See Mental Health Toolkit

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Resilience & Purpose Interactive Lesson See Mental Health Toolkit page 7

Choices Interactive

Lesson See Mental Health Toolkit page 8



How Do I Make the Most of this Calendar?

Watch the Video Guidance

https://vimeo.com/699104583

Monday's Mantras

Invite students to close their eyes/look down, take a deep breath, and silently recite the mantra to themselves:

- To begin the day/period
- As they complete a transition
- If they are about to start a new and challenging assignment/assessment
- Before they leave your room for the period/day
- Any time you feel they need centering or a shift toward more positive energy

Tuesday's Try-It Activities

These are calming mindful activities/brief discussions that can be used to start the day/period or as a gentle brain break. If time allows, students could also journal/reflect on a post-it about the experience afterward.

Wednesday's Wellness Activities

These include a variety of activities chosen to reinforce the importance of treating ourselves with kindness, connecting with others, getting in movement throughout the day, and making choices that are healthy for us. They can be used as brain breaks, particularly when you need to bring the energy up or if students have been seated for a length of time. If time allows, students could also journal/reflect on a post-it about the experience afterward.



Thankful Thursday's Activities

Practicing gratitude can be such a grounding experience. This is a great activity to use:

- When students first come into the classroom
- When students have finished an assignment
- To create a "gratitude wall" or "gratitude chain"
- To exchange with classmates when tensions rise

Friday's Freebie Lessons

You can either print or digitally share this Interactive Worksheet with your students. Start by viewing the video as a whole class or as individuals, on student devices. Then, move to the three metacognitive components of the lesson:

- Look Backward: This reflection helps students think deeply about themselves and identify a growth area. Ask students to record their thinking by writing (if the worksheet is printed) or typing (if it's shared digitally).
- Look Inward: This reflection connects the skill with the student's real life, right now. How are they already practicing the SEL skills that will benefit them? Ask students to record their thinking by writing or by typing in their response.
- Look Forward: Students set positive goals or intentions moving forward. You might ask students to verbally share their answers with a peer or lead a whole class discussion for broader idea-sharing.
 Then, invite students to record their answers in writing or by typing in their response.





Use Your Inner Superpower

Video Lesson by Coach Nyeesha Williams

SEL SKILLS

Self-Worth Self-Confidence Overcoming Trauma

Positive Affirmations



LOOK BACKWARD. Whose voices have lifted you up? Think about family members, coaches, teachers or other mentor figures. What are some words that others have said to encourage you?



LOOK INWARD. Think about your own voice. What are some examples of positive self-talk that you tell yourself? What are some examples of critical, or negative self talk?



LOOK FORWARD. Write 2 self-love affirmations that can help you see yourself more accurately. Begin with this sentence starter, and complete it however you see fit: "If no one else tells me _______, I know it's true."



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Video Lesson by Coach Sara Kaviar



Reflection

Impulse Control Self-Management Technology Use



LOOK BACKWARD. Think about your relationship with technology. In the past week, how many hours do you think you spent on your phone, ipad and computer (not including in-school use)? How many hours did you spend with others?



LOOK INWARD. Why do you think it's hard to put your phone down and away?



LOOK FORWARD. What is one change you might make to have a healthier balance of technology and in-person connection?



Video Lesson by Coach Jeff Hittner



Reflection

Finding Purpose Recognizing Strengths

Goal-Setting



LOOK BACKWARD. What is something that you were a part of that made you feel very alive, or full of joy? What does that experience reveal about your passions or purpose?



LOOK INWARD. What does purpose mean to you?



LOOK FORWARD. How can you strengthen your connection to the things that you are passionate about, or the things that feel purposeful?



Dump That Catastrophic Thinking

Video Lesson by Coach Dr. John Avritt

SEL SKILLS

Mental Flexibility Growth Mindset **Analyzing Situations**

Rational Thinking



LOOK BACKWARD. Think about a time you were worried about something. What was it? What kinds of things were you thinking? How did your thoughts affect you?



LOOK INWARD. Imagine your best friend said, "My gut feeling is almost always right." Do you mostly agree, somewhat agree or mostly disagree and why?

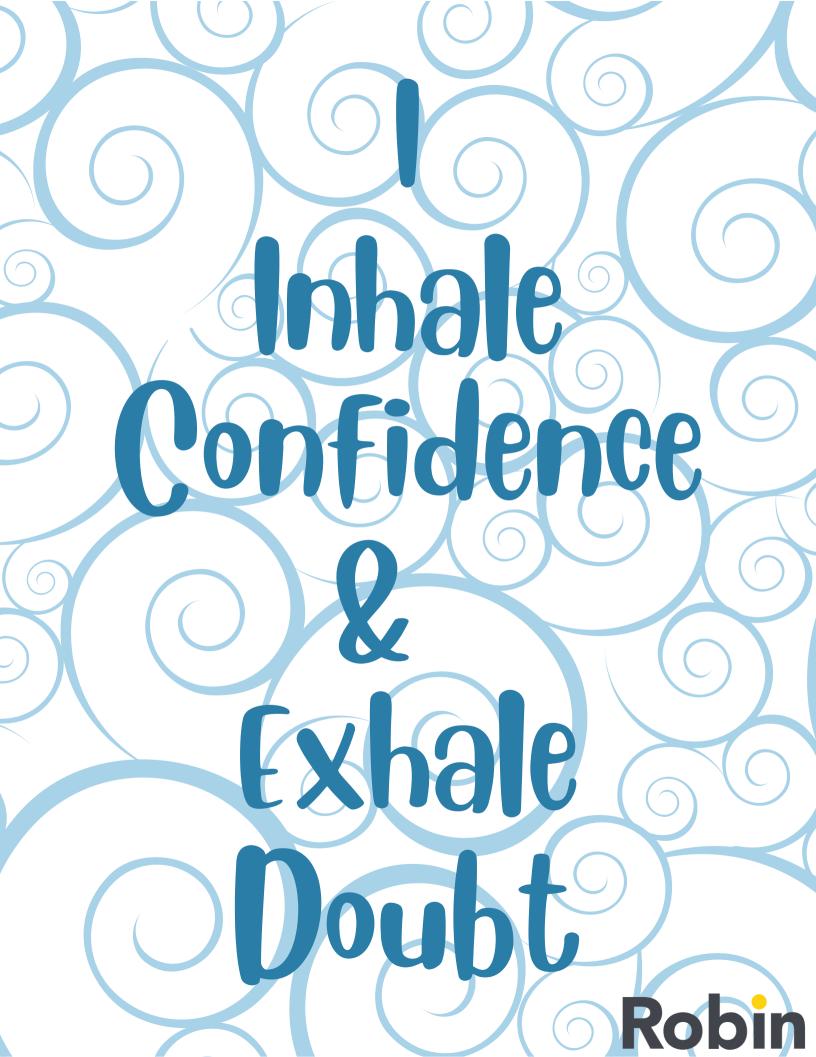


LOOK FORWARD. What is something that is challenging you right now? How can you reframe your thinking about that challenge to show mental flexibility?



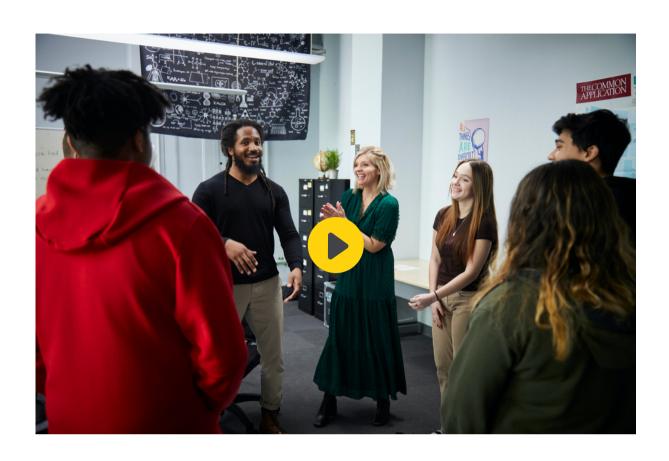
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