Seven Habits Demonstrated in the First Grade Daily 5

Daily 5: Read to Self, Read to Someone, Word Work, Writing, and Listening to Reading

You may see the following examples in the first grade classrooms.

Habit 1: Be Proactive; You're in Charge

- Choosing an area for the daily 5
- Following classroom expectations and rules
- Completing work

Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind; Have a Plan

- Follows personal Daily 5 plan
- Choose a writing, reading, and word work plan

Habit 3: Put First Things First; Work First, Then Play

- Completes morning routine before choosing daily 5 areas
- Work during daily 5 time and then play at recess
- Work the entire time (once on choice is complete, move on to the second choice)

Habit 4: Think Win-Win; Everyone can Win

- Read to someone
- Working with a classmate
- Compromising
- I pick, you pick
- Reading projects

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood; Listen Before you Talk

- Reading groups (use of the talking stick)
- Class meetings (usually done before Daily 5 begins)
- Working with partners

Habit 6: Synergize; Together is Better

- Read to Someone
- Word Work activities
- Writing activities
- Partner Poetry
- Discussion at small reading group

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw; Balance Feels Best

- Choose a variety of Daily 5 activities of interest
- Good Fit Books
- Free writing of their topic choice
- Reader's Theatre
- Daily 5 plan should be balanced throughout the week

Sample of Daily 5 Plan

