

Classroom Group Activity

Student-led Exercises

Prep ---- Review the suggested Seated Arm Patten exercise below* or create your own to demonstrate to students.

- 1. Teacher asks students to sit together in one big circle on the reading rug.
- 2. Students can alternatively sit at their desks.
- 3. Teacher says, "Let's sit in Easy Pose, nice and tall, and with our Smiling Calm Hearts ready."
- 4. Teacher writes the word HARMONY on the whiteboard.
- 5. Teacher asks if anyone knows the definition of HARMONY.
- 6. Teacher reviews that HARMONY means to get along and be peaceful with others with Calm Breathing Calm Hearts.
- 7. Next, the teacher asks for a volunteer to come up to the front of the class to lead the group in a Seated Arm-Hand Pattern that highlights HARMONY. ****Reassure students that more people will have a chance to lead an exercise in the next lesson.
- 8. *Teacher demonstrates a Seated Arm-Hand Pattern that highlights HARMONY:

Calm – hands placed on tops of thighs

Hearts – Calm Hearts gesture at the center of the chest

Add – hands touch opposite shoulders

Harmony – both hands in slightly in front of the body in the

peace sign (index and middle fingers up with thumbs holding ring and
little fingers down)

9. Students take turns leading their own Seated Arm Hand Pattern or using the one demonstrated by the teacher. The example used in the 7.3 Follow-up lesson, Lady Talking, is also an option.

Notes for Teachers:

- 1. Remind students that we add HARMONY with Calm Breathing Calm Hearts.
- 2. Remind students that we practice Calm Breathing Calm Hearts to open our LEARNING together.
- 3. Consider taking a photo of the students leading the exercise and posting the photo inside the classroom.
- 4. Consider posting the image below (Lady Talking) in your Calm Hearts Center and/or in the front of the classroom.

