

Classroom Group Activity

Careful Writing

Prep ---- Students will need paper and a writing utensil. Choose one of the suggestions below depending on the age of your students.*

- 1. Students sit at their desks.
- 2. Teacher says, "Let's sit in Easy Pose, nice and tall, and with our Smiling Calm Hearts ready."
- 3. Teacher explains that we will practice careful writing.
- 4. Teacher writes CAREFUL on the board and asks students for the meaning of the word.
- 5. Teacher reviews that CAREFUL means to be peaceful and focused with Calm Breathing Calm Hearts.
- 6. Teacher reminds the students that there are many ways to be CAREFUL such as how we move, speak, write, think, and learn.
- 7. *Next, the teacher asks the students to practice writing CAREFULLY. Depending upon the age of the students, suggestions are:
 - a . Practice writing the letter "C" $\,$
 - b . Practice writing the word "Careful"
 - c . Practice writing sentences such as "We are careful today" and "Calm Hearts are careful"
 - d. Practice writing a short paragraph describing one way to be careful at school
- 8. Teacher asks students to share their work with the class.



Notes for Teachers:

- 1. Remind students that we are CAREFUL with Calm Breathing Calm Hearts.
- 2. Remind students that we practice Calm Breathing Calm Hearts to open our LEARNING together.
- 3. Consider posting the students' work in the classroom.
- 4. Consider posting the image below (Freya and the Laptop) in your Calm Hearts Center and/or in the front of the classroom.

