

Grant evaluation

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The 4th grade students at JES have really enjoyed participating in the restorative circles. The circles have helped us learn about empathy, consequences and learning to recognize the physical feelings that come with each emotion. It has also helped students work on waiting their turn (patience) while waiting on the talking stick. Also, I see improvement in some of the relationships between students that were a real struggle at the beginning of the year. The plan is for the fourth grade students to continue to participate in restorative circles next year (5th grade) with the help of the school counselor and the upcoming fourth graders will learn the technique as well. This will definitely continue to help students with communication skills and relationships.

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