

Name/Title: Emergency Communication

Purpose of Event: To allow younger students to get the teachers attention when an emergency arises.

Activity cues: The sign language sign for toilet is making a fist with your thumb between your pointer finger and middle finger. The letter T in sign. Then twist at the wrist back and forth like shaking your head no.

Prerequisites: Knowledge of the sign for a bathroom emergency.

Suggested Grade Level: K-2

Description of Idea

In my kindergarten class this year I had a little girl who had to use the restroom. She is a very patient girl who always follows the rules. I had asked the class a question about the activity we were going to do and many students had their hands in the air. When I called on her several minutes later, she asked if she could use the restroom. I felt badly that I had made her wait that entire time. With students that age it could have been too late for her. After thinking it over, I decided to teach the kindergarten class the sign for toilet and if they need to go now, instead of just raising their hand, I have them do the sign so I can distinguish it from the other questions, comments, or stories.

Teaching Suggestions:

Remind students that this is only to be used in emergencies.

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