Restorative Justice (RJ) circle this week! Our circles vary and are planned to meet what is happening for the students in the classroom, sometimes we talk about friendship, sometimes about needs and thoughts, etc. RJ does not focus on "teaching". Instead the circle creates a safe space for discussion based on the questions asked. Kindergarten is talking about safe bodies while 5th grade is working on a self-identity wheel, for example.

Team Building Game: Shape string game.

Check in questions of the week:
What do you need from your teacher and classmates to have a good day and be your best self today.

Mindfulness- Balance breath- alternate nostril breathing.

Activity/Discussion: What are annoying behaviors? How do we deal with annoying behaviors. Annoying behaviors are not destructive or dangerous. Certain behaviors can feel very annoying. We noticed that this word is being used when the children are frustrated at each other. Together as a class students are looking at what might be considered an annoying behavior and learning how to deal with those behaviors in a way that is more effective.

Restorative Justice (RJ) is an indigenous philosophy that emphasizes building relationships. If there is a need to repair harm caused by conflict and wrongdoing, restorative justice provides an opportunity for everyone impacted by an incident to come together in a safe space to address their feelings and needs, and reach a resolution that heals and restores relationships.