Morning Meeting/Circle Time

Hello parents, each day we start off our day by running a morning meeting/circle time activity. During this time, various skills are targeted. For example, sitting appropriately (e.g. feet on floor, hands to self), raising hand, waiting to be called on, using inside voice, and/or following teacher directions. This activity is very interactive and helps students become prepared for the school day. Here is our morning meeting/circle time sequence that can easily be done at home. It is a great way to get your day started and to review your “daily schedule” with your kids ☺. All videos used can be found on YouTube (some links provided).

1. **Good morning song**
   * “Good morning song for kids”
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuI_p7a9VGs>
   * “Good morning song”
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFVjU-dsIM8>
2. **Morning greeting**
   * Each student takes turns greeting 1 or 2 peers (encourage various greeting types)
     + “Hi (name), how are you doing today?”
     + “Hello (name), how’s it going?”
     + “Hello (name), good to see you today”
     + “Hi (name), I’m happy to see you”
   * Students also work on responding to greetings
     + “Hello (name), I’m good”
     + “Hello (name), I’m doing great”
     + “Hello (name), good to see you too”
3. **Calendar**
   * An interactive calendar can be accessed through Starfall.com
     + Identify month/year
     + Say (out loud) days of the week
     + Identify day
   * Days of the week song
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tx0rvuXIRg>
     + https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ
   * Months of the year song
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe9bnYRzFvk>
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5enDRrWyXaw>

***Many more options can be found on YouTube if you search “days of the week song” or “months of the year song”***

1. **Letter of the week**
   * Each week the class focused on one letter of the alphabet (our next letter would’ve been letter V)
   * Review letter sound and ask student to repeat letter sound
   * Ask student to identify words beginning with the letter sound
   * YouTube “letter v song” and choose a video to learn more about the letter
2. **Counting (during class we choose 1-2 videos)**
   * Counting from 1-100
     + <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0dJWfQHF8Y>
     + Jack Hartmann is a class favorite
       - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLtF3PMOc
   * Counting down from 100
     + Scratch garden
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iwgJmW1uvg&list=PL8OcbSHKSLNuVcxp-225OAbaQS_b0Wjmz&index=1>
     + Jack Hartmann
       - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v82X6XhsQhs
   * Counting by 5s
     + Scratch garden
       - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EemjeA2Djjw
   * Counting by 10s
     + Jack Hartmann
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8CEOlAOGas>
     + Scratch garden
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftati8iGQcs&list=PLM95cb_Szq3am4n6jJw127QbBlDivZgIc>
3. **Closure**
   * We close circle time by reviewing classroom rules. Parents can end “circle time” by reviewing what you will be doing that day and/or reminding child what they are earning/working towards for meeting parent expectations. ☺