

# The Responsive Classroom Approach

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“The Responsive Classroom approach to teaching and learning fosters safe, challenging and joyful classrooms and schools, kindergarten through eighth grade. Developed by classroom teachers, this approach consists of practical strategies for bringing together social and academic learning throughout the school day. Components of the Responsive Classroom approach include:

- Morning Meeting
- Rules and Logical Consequences
- Guided Discovery
- Academic Choice
- Classroom Organization
- Reaching Out to Parents and Guardians”

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Resources (all books available through the Northeast Foundation):

- [The Morning Meeting Book](#) by: Roxann Kriete
- [80 Morning Meeting Ideas for K-2](#) by: Susan Lattanzi Roser
- [99 Activities and Greetings](#) by: Melissa Corea-Connolly
- [Energizers](#) by: Susan Lattanzi Roser
- [www.responsiveclassroom.org](http://www.responsiveclassroom.org)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0x-HGko8vJY>

Favorite Greetings and Activities

- Ball Toss
- Brown Bear
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Here We are Together
- Hickety Pickety Bumble Bee
- Where is \_\_\_\_?”
- Picture Greeting
- Tooty-Ta
- The Pirate Song
- The Noble Duke of York
- Tony Chestnut (Frere Jacques tune)
- Balloon Bounce
- Farmer in the Dell
- Shark Attack