

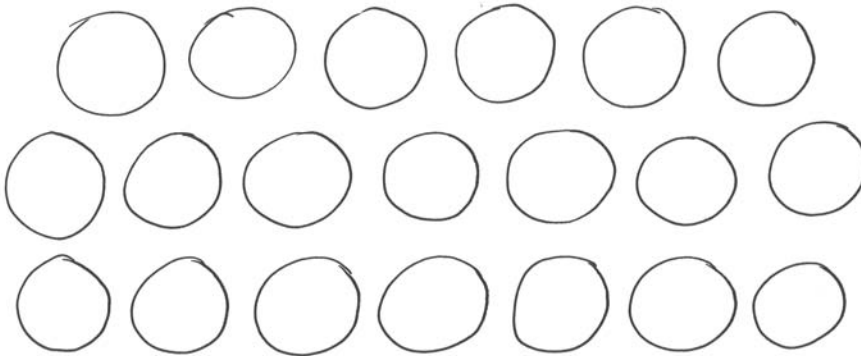
News and Announcements

Emily is first.

Miles will turn out the lights.

Today is Thursday, September 2nd, 2004.

Draw a face:



By the third day of school, all students have been taught to look for the chart in the morning, and the class has begun reading the message together in morning meeting, so now the message uses simple words and a predictable pattern.

Deborah shows the children that some of the words in the message are the same each day. They look for words in the message that will change (daily, monthly, and annually) and underline them together.


At the beginning of the year, Deborah teaches students how to complete tasks on the chart before expecting them to do it independently. Skills taught might include how to use markers, turn-taking, and knowing how many people can work at the chart stand at one time.

News and Announcements

Nathan is first, and Justin will turn out the lights. Today is Thursday, February 3rd, 2005.

Nurse Wendy will visit our class today. She will talk about the food we need to be healthy and strong. What is one kind of food you think she will talk about?

Yesterday, did you eat:

fruit? 

Emily
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milk or cheese? 

Emily
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veggies? 

Gus
 Emily
 Basil
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As students' reading skills improve, the amount of text in the message increases. Deborah continues to include the repeating sentences in each message. However, the focus is now on reading and talking about the nonrepeating sentences that follow.

Discussion during meeting helps the class prepare for the visit from the nurse, who will also use the information collected at the bottom of the chart in her presentation.



Monday, May 23, 2005

Dear Friends,

Today Nathan is first, and Gus will turn out the lights.

Today we will start building our block town. At meeting you can think about the building you want to make. I'll choose partners. You get to choose what you build.

Regards,
Ms. Porter

A bubble in a corner is a good way to include last minute news. Putting such news outside the body of message allows you to maintain the focus you have selected for the day.