

FOR ACTIVE CLASSROOMS

Snowflake Pass the Praise

Grades: K-5 [YouTube]

EQUIPMENT

- Copies of Snowflake Pass the Praise Template
- Download "Let it Snow" from <u>iTunes</u>

SET-UP

- Students write their name at the center of the Snowflake.
- Students then crumple their snowflake into a paper ball.

OBJECTIVE

 To pass and catch snowflake-snowballs while music is playing and offer praise when the music stops.

DESCRIPTION

- When we offer praise or compliments to others it fills their emotional buckets. In today's activity
 we are going to write positive messages for others on their snowflake. This will help us practice
 the act of giving and receiving praise.
- When the music starts, find a partner. Count 1, 2, 3 together. On 3, toss your paper balls into the air so that you can catch each other's tosses.
- After you make a catch, keep your partner's snowflake and continue finding new partners while the music plays.
- When the music stops, sit down at your desk and open that paper ball that you are holding.
 Write a compliment, some words of praise, or positive message for the student whose snowflake you have. Then ball up the snowflake and get ready for the next round.
- After 8 rounds you will get a chance to read everything that is written on your snowflake!

NOTES FOR TEACHER

- If your school policy doesn't all you to have students share equipment, save this activity for next vear.
- If students end up with their own snowflake during any of the rounds, encourage them to write something positive to themself!
- Use this activity to reinforce science concepts, such as how snowflakes are formed.

AT HOME VARIATION

• Challenge students to find various ways to perform self-tosses. Here are some ideas: feet together, feet apart, under the leg, and behind the back. The possibilities are endless!

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