LA Gr.4/5 and Gr. 5: Oct 19

Essential question: "How do I feel at school?"

Community Building Circle

- no one is excluded. Everyone in the circle, same level, no obstructions. Deep breath together.
- Make Center piece: All students write on index cards (3 things you like in a friend), put in box to use as centerpiece

(15 mins) Opening Ceremony: I'd like to welcome everyone as we open our community building circle.

- Refer to read aloud—The Golden Rule by Ilene Cooper, Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska
    - Big ideas
        - How do I practice the Golden Rule?
            - Empathy: the ability to use your imagination
- How it works
    - The Role of the Keeper: my job is to invite and support circle participants in building and maintaining a safe and supportive community.
    - Talking stick/object: The person who is holding it is invited to speak or pass (Turbo the turtle)
    - One question at a time
    - No names
    - Can pass silently
    - Yes/no questions

(40 mins) Question bank: the idea is to Build to story sharing. It takes longer than you think, but have questions available.

- Have you ever done a community building circle before? y/n
- One word: Today I feel…
- Book questions: We read about the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"
    - Finish the sentence: I feel happy when…
- My friends would describe me as…
- Putdowns make me feel…
- Imagine: How would you feel when you are seeing someone else being hurt?
- We've shared about putdowns. Let's finish this sentence: Appreciations make me feel…
- Describe Lakeview in one sentence. Lakeview is…
- Do you feel safe in Lakeview Public School?
    - Options: "What do you need, from and each other, in order to feel safe and respected in this classroom?"
    - What are some ways that people can be disrespectful toward each other during class? What about before or after class?
- Imagine: If I could change one thing about the class: Something I would change about the class…
- Finish the sentence:…. I feel happy when…

- Closing ceremony: I want to acknowledge the sharing by the participants of the circle. There are many ways to _____
- Game if extra time: The Wind Blows
    - The wind blows if… If you're wearing a red shirt / like pepperoni pizza
        - They get up and find a new spot in the circle

(5 mins) Put back desks