

Teacher Re-Entry Guide

Simple tips for teachers dealing with the post-Mosaic blues

The First Monday Back

Part of re-entry is using your Mosaic skills and reminding your students to do so too. During this transition from Mosaic back to the classroom, it is normal for kids (and teachers) to go through a storming period. What types of things can they do to keep Mosaic going at school? Get their ideas! See what you can come up with together as a class.

In the meantime, these fun and simple tips can help for a smooth transition and keeping the magic alive for them and for you!

Deep Mosaic Breaths

Try starting out the school day or after any transition with leading the class in 3 deep Mosaic breaths. During the breaths you can encourage students to think of their senses at Mosaic (how the air smelled, how the campfire looked, how the trees felt, what animals did they hear, what the snacks tasted like, etc.)

Mosaic Music

Sing along, karaoke, lip-sync, and dance battle to any and all of the songs we sang throughout the week. There are so many to choose from! You can even do a pretend campfire made of paper, print a picture, or set one as a screensaver on a computer.

Edible Cookie Diplomas

We know you're still thinking about them. Give your class an assignment to practice their conflict resolution skills. You can also do this for Mosaic alumni to teach the 5 tools of conflict resolution to the students who stayed behind. Have a parent (or you yourself can) bake a batch for the class and ceremoniously hand them out after the assignment is complete! You can even take it a step further and ask each student aggressively, "Do you want a cookie?!" to which they must respond assertively, "Yes" in order to receive it.

Has anyone seen my stones?

Hide magical fairy stones around the classroom/school yard. What do they spell? Maybe you magically come to school the next day wearing wings!

Future People

An integral part of the Mosaic magic! Dress up as a future person one day and say that you are the great great great great great great great grand child of yourself and that you will be teaching the class all day. You can get "thrown off" by all the outdated technology like the projector, light switch, even the dry-erase board! Call out each student at random times of the day saying you recognize them from the historical peacemaker database for being helpful, a supportive listener, an assertive ally, etc. You can also have a day where everybody dresses up like their future selves! They must create a story arc for why their

future self/descendant turned out this way. What actions did they take? How did they spread peace and the Mosaic lessons? Have fun with it.

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Community! You are forever a part of our Mosaic! Call us or email us any time you need a little extra Mosaic love! We also have a Facebook group, cleverly titled, The Mosaic Project: Teachers. This group is designed as a space to share best practices, ask questions, post inspirational memes, and learn more through periodic updates and quick-tip videos from The Mosaic Project. We will also keep you updated on all events and happenings throughout the year, because reuniting feels so good!