

# How can we keep kids in class?

## USE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES.

### WHAT DOES "RESTORATIVE" MEAN?

According to the International Institute of Restorative Practices, being restorative instead of punitive is a mindset shift from traditional discipline that:

- shifts our focus from the rules broken to the relationships hurt
- focuses on understanding the impact of behavior and repairing harm instead of punishment
- gives both sides of a relationship a role in healing
- provides opportunities to repair the relationship

### WHAT ARE RESTORATIVE PRACTICES?

*a range of supportive practices which rely on strong existing relationships, depending on the severity of the harm done*



#### Affective Statements

Using "I statements" to express how actions of others make us feel



#### Impromptu Conversations

Conversations that allow for healing instead of conversations that create more damage



#### Circle Conversations

A practice for all types of classroom activities, building a culture of conversation and sharing before a problem occurs



#### Victim - Offender Dialogue

Opportunity for the people involved in a hurt relationship to mend it through dialogue



#### Restorative Conferences

A conference, with a set process, with the individual who has hurt a relationship

*By using restorative practices, we support all children to reach their full potential.*

To learn more about restorative practices, check out International Institute for Restorative Practices ([www.iirp.edu](http://www.iirp.edu)) and *Better than Carrots and Sticks* by Smith, Fisher, and Frey.