ARE WE READY FOR CIRCLE TIME?

We need five skills to make circle time work:

- Looking
- Listening
- Speaking
- Thinking
- Concentrating

Is our CLASSROOM ready?
Are the seats in a circle?
Is there a clear space in the circle?

Is our TEACHER ready?
Is our teacher feeling positive, prepared and purposeful?

Are WE ready?
Can we remember our ground rules?
- We listen when anyone else is speaking
- We signal if we want to speak
- We speak positively to each other
- We do not name anyone and say negative things to them
- We respect all our different ideas

Is CIRCLE TIME ready to begin?
What is the theme for today’s circle time?
Do we have some exciting ideas and resources?
What games will we play?
What will the round be?
What targets and goals will we agree?
Will we remember to have fun and end on a positive note?

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