Introducing the Eight Expectations for Living as a Creed

The introduction of the Eight Expectations for Living can be a great starting point in developing the concept of a creed. A creed is a statement that describes who we are, our purpose and the actions that should follow.

Purpose - To outline desired behaviors and attitudes for the learning environment

Goals - To introduce and explain the Eight Expectations for Living and how they will be used to create a Climate of Respect and Academic Success.

Steps -

1. Introduction:
   a. Post one expectation per day for 8 consecutive days. To extend use see the resources available at Eight Expectations that include a lesson plan, quotes, music, videos, etc.
   b. Read and discuss the words of the expectations. Use a mind map or graphic organizer to discuss the characteristics of the expectation.
   c. Apply the expectation in everyday situations. Allow learners to make suggestions and connections that are logical to them. Challenge them to find and report examples they observe.
   d. Use the expectation as a callback to affirm and redirect with quotes
   e. Use throughout the day as a call to excellence.
      i. Example:
         Leader: “We will value one another as...”
         Learners: “unique and special individuals.”

Conclusion - Clarity and consistency will establish and model the desired behaviors and attitudes in a common language.

Resources:

- Eight Expectations Song
- Eight Expectations for Living
  - 4x4 Eight Expectations
- **Eight Expectations Poster**
- **Eight Expectations Poster** in Spanish
- **Classroom Expectations Poster – 8 Expectations and Problem-solving Expectations**
- **8 Expectations Posters and Lesson Resources** - Multiple Digital Downloads
- ‘Four in One’ - **Six Basic Tenets, Eight Expectations, 17 Practices** - p1
- **Life Principles** p2 - print on two sides and have all four Great Expectations foundational guidelines on one sheet.

- **Hand'y Curriculum Connections** - Analyze the choices/conflicts/problems in literature through the lens of the Life Principles and the Eight Expectations.
  - Page One - **Poster 1; Poster 2, Poster 3**;
  - **Page Two** - graphic organizer incorporate the six questions to analyze any piece of literature/curriculum content
  - **Hand'y Curriculum Connections** - Digital download with poster and instructions