



Classroom Management: Attention Getters, Transitions, and Seating Arrangements

Attention Getters (Choose at least one per class)

- ❖ *Note: For classes with high energy it will work best to use multiple attention getters during class to keep students' attention.*
- ❖ **Vocal Repetition:** Teacher chants "Oye, Oye, Clase" Students respond "Oye, Oye, Maestro(a)" (This works well with grades 3-5.)
- ❖ **Quiet Gesture:** The teacher says "Toca la boca" while putting a finger to his or her lips. The students all quickly do the same and pay attention. (This works well with a large loud class, because it physically helps them to quiet down.)
- ❖ **Musical Repetition:** Teacher sings "¡Olé!, ¡Olé!, ¡Olé!". Students respond with the same tune. (This can be a fun and easy one for the younger students.)
- ❖ **Clapping:** Uno (with clap), dos (with clap), tres (with clap) Students respond by joining in to clap and count to three in Spanish. After three they should be quiet and ready for directions.

Transition Tips and Tunes (Great way to keep kids engaged at all times)

- ❖ To transition for snack time sing, "La merienda, la merienda. Vamos a comer la merienda" to the tune of *La Cucaracha*. After snack time continue with the song, "La merienda, la merienda. Se acabó la merienda."
- ❖ Countdown from 10 to 0 in Spanish. When you get to 0 the students need to be quiet and ready for the next activity.
- ❖ Make the transition a contest. "*Vamos a ver quién puede ser el ratón más callado cuando hacemos el círculo.* Let's see who can be the quietest mouse as we move to the circle."

Create Organization and Structure in class

- ❖ Encourage kids to sit pretzel style when on the floor with the phrase "criss cross applesauce." It is recommended to use floor space for activities instead of desks. Move the desks and bring in a blanket to create the space.
- ❖ When kids are sitting at a table or in chairs use a cute military chant to remind them how to sit nicely. Call out using gestures, "Dáme cinco: Los pies en el piso, Las manos en el pupitre, Las orejas abiertas, La boca cerrada, Y...Los ojos aquí."
- ❖ When standing or sitting in a line ask the students, "*¿Cómo es nuestra fila?* How is our line looking? *Más derecha por favor.* Straighter please." You can also assign a line leader to help with this as kids love extra responsibilities.