Conflict Resolution in the Classroom

Teacher Ideas

- 1. Divide students into groups or pairs and have them act out the role play cards.
- 2. Let students use the role play cards and complete the conflict resolution graphic organizers.
- 3. Have students design a poster about peace.
- 4. Have students design a poster about the steps to resolving conflict.
- 5. Have students identify conflicts when it's been a :Win lose / lose lose/ win / win
- 6. Pair students up to discuss 3 different conflicts they've had, one at school, one at home and one with friends. Discuss the conflict and the outcome. Reflect on whether it could have been solved differently.
- 7. Have students write a variety of conflicts they've experienced or know about, shuffle them up and hand them out to brainstorm solutions.
- 8. Have students compare conflict in the world with personal conflict.
- 9. Have students look through newspapers and find articles pertaining to conflict.
- 10. Have students brainstorm when it's appropriate to use a coin toss or rock/scissors/paper to resolve a conflict.
- 11. Have students brainstorm to identify both hurtful and helpful strategies for resolving conflict.
- 12. Have students brainstorm all the feelings both sides experience when involved in a conflict.
- 13. Have students list the positive and negative outcomes of conflict.
- 14. Brainstorm all of the feelings that individual feel during conflict.
- 15. Describe the differences and similarities between conflict and violence.
- 16. Brainstorm the various causes of conflict.
- 17. Think/pair/share the conflicts you've experienced, discuss the outcomes, the feelings and what the similarities and differences were.
- 18. Have students use the role play cards; brainstorm outcomes that could be win/win, win/lose or lose/lose.
- 19. Have students discuss why conflict or the outcomes of conflict can be positive in some situations.
- 20. Have students brainstorm all the ways to be pro-active to avoid conflict.
- 21. Have students brainstorm all the feelings that are associated with conflict.