Responsive Classroom Themes

Here are some topics that teachers focus on when incorporating the Responsive Classroom approach:

- **Morning Meeting**: Gathering as a whole class each morning to greet one another, share news, and warm up for the day ahead.
- **Rule Creation**: Helping students create classroom rules to ensure an environment that allows all class members to meet their learning goals.
- **Interactive Modeling**: Teaching children to notice and internalize expected behaviors through a unique modeling technique.
- **Positive Teacher Language**: Using words and tone as a tool to promote children's active learning, sense of community, and self-discipline.
- **Logical Consequences**: Responding to misbehavior in a way that allows children to fix and learn from their mistakes while preserving their dignity.
- **Guided Discovery**: Introducing classroom materials using a format that encourages independence, creativity, and responsibility.
- **Academic Choice**: Increasing student learning by allowing students teacher-structured choices in their work.
- **Classroom Organization**: Setting up the physical room in ways that encourage students' independence, cooperation, and productivity.
- **Working with Families**: Creating avenues for hearing parents' insights and helping them understand the school's teaching approaches.
- **Collaborative Problem Solving**: Using conferencing, role-playing, and other strategies to resolve problems with students.

To learn more about how Responsive Classroom themes build positive relationships and improve academic performance, go to Edutopia's research review of Mount Desert's successful strategies: [www.edutopia.org/stw-sel-classroom-management-research](http://www.edutopia.org/stw-sel-classroom-management-research)

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