



Reinforcement Menu

Every student has different ideas about what they think is reinforcing. Teachers can build anticipation and create a desire for anything (think Disney-style marketing), but some reinforcement may still not be motivating enough for all students. Fortunately there is always *something* that will work and you can find it if you try! Here's a list of popular ideas to get you started.

Elementary School Positive Reinforcement		Middle/High School Positive Reinforcement	
Helping	Take attendance to office Keep time limits for lessons Hand out books or supplies Complete chores in class Help custodian or librarian	Consumables	Water bottles Fruit snacks Breath mints Breakfast bars Hard candy
Praise	Certificate Positive phone call home Display work in class or school Look of approval from teacher Congratulations from principal "Good job!" remark	Social	Praise from teacher Praise from principal Honor roll / Achievement board Special class privilege Phone call home Display class work
Rewards	Tokens Raffle Stickers Special seat in class or at lunch First choice during activities "Show and Tell" privilege	Manipulative / Possessions	Class mascot Stuffed animal on desk Level system Achievement graph or tally Recess sports equipment Binders/pens/backpacks
Academic	Tutor a peer Read to younger child Show work to classmates Creative writing or illustrating time Writers Corner Math/spelling bingo "Memory Match" game	Academic	Use work as a model Lead class lesson Math/spelling bingo "Round the World" game "Jeopardy" game Match vocab. word to definition Team quiz game
Recreation & Time	Listen to music or read book Typing on computer Puzzle, drawing, game Extra time at recess Extra time on a project Write/draw on blackboard	Activity	Computer access Listen to CD's Read magazines/comics Discuss pop music/movies Quiet ball / board games Extra recess