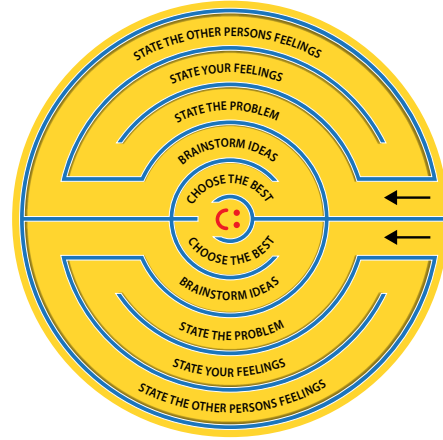




CONFLICT RESOLUTION LABYRINTH



We have had much success with the conflict resolution labyrinth we painted last spring on a drop cloth. Several classrooms were taught a great way to solve issues with their classmates.

1. We decided one painted on the playground would allow students to deal with disagreements while they are outside for recess.
2. Two students enter at the opening and walk to the first painted statements which says **STATE THE PROBLEM**. Both students have the opportunity to say what they believe to be the problem.
3. They continue to walk to the **STATE OF FEELINGS**. Both say their feelings.
4. The next section says **STATE THE OTHER PERSON'S FEELINGS**. If either side cannot repeat the other's feelings they need to go back and listen again.
5. After successfully knowing how the other one is feeling, they continue to walk to the **BRAINSTORM IDEAS**; both parties come up with as many solutions as they can.
6. They then walk to **CHOOSE THE BEST**. When they have developed a plan, they move to the center where they can hug, or handshake, or high five.
7. Teaching children to solve problems and not take them back to the classroom, helps all to learn in a peaceful environment.