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“Teachers, the new generation will be your legacy.” Atatürk



## End of the Day Routine

The brain needs to pay attention and make meaning while learning. However, it does not do both simultaneously in an efficient way. To end a school day efficiently, some activities can be used to signal the brain that it is now time to start making meaning and revising everything that is learnt during the day. These activities will also help your students to share their ideas and findings about the day and the subjects covered.

**School Journal:** Ten minutes before the end of the class ask your students to write down their ideas and important notes related to the day in their personal school journals. They may also write their homework.

**Mind Map:** At the end of the school week, take a few minutes to update your weekly mind map with things learned, events that occurred, or activities completed throughout the day.

A mind map is a visual representation of our week. You can save all of these weekly mind maps for the last week of school and place them around the room in chronological order.

**Like Dislike:** You can ask your students to share their ideas about the day and the subjects covered by summarizing their ideas through “like” and “dislike” sentences. After a student finishes sharing his ideas, he can choose one of his classmates to continue.

**Rate the Day:** Ask your students to rate the day with a score from 1 to 10. Encourage them to share their ideas freely while rating the day. You may need to revise the day's subjects or answer the questions for the ones who give a lower rate than 6.

**Goodbye:** After these activities you can end the day as lovely as possible with dance choreography or a game. You can also use a specific handshake to dismiss the class and say goodbye to each student.