

Grades  
**K to 1**



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For Healthy Schools

# **IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE**

# **RISE AND SHINE**

## **THE BIG IDEA:**

Following the theme of starting the day off right (see Building the Breakfast Habit), this activity includes everyday stretches and energizers that can be done while sitting or standing. Students brainstorm favorite activities and themes, and develop a classroom collection of ways to replicate them indoors. These activities can be used as a way to start the day or pause for a brain break at any point during the day. Even just a few minutes of exercise can create new brain cells and provide oxygen to the brain, making it easier for students to focus and concentrate in class.

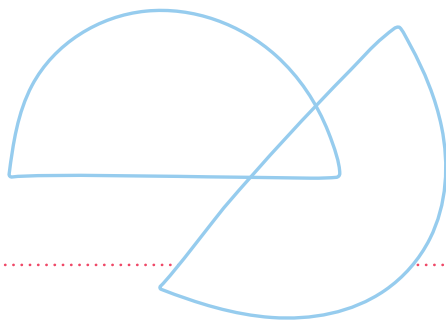
**HEALTHY HABITS**

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## Goals and Skills

### Students Will:

- Understand the benefits of physical activity
- Brainstorm and demonstrate healthy activities
- Set goals for daily physical activity



## Instruction Steps

**1. How Do You Move?** Ask students the following exploratory questions to get them thinking about physical activity.

- What does it feel like when you run around or jump up and down?
- What are your favorite activities that make your heart beat fast?
- How many different ways can you move your body?
- How many minutes of exercise should you get each day? (Target Answer: At least 60 minutes.)

Explain to students that being active is one of the best things they can do to keep their bodies strong—and feeling good, too! And it can be done in many ways—not just through playing sports. Getting up and moving is what it’s all about! Physical activity makes your heart beat fast; pumps fresh blood to your legs, fingers, and toes; keeps your body healthy; and helps give you the energy to do the things you love to do. Physical activity also makes you sick less often, makes you feel happier, helps you focus in school, wakes you up in the morning, and helps you sleep at night.

### Supplies and Preparation:

- Chart paper
- Scissors to cut paper into strips (or a small pad of paper)
- Make copies of the Rise and Shine Energy Tracker for each student

### Background for Teacher:

- Learn more about physical activity as it relates to a healthy lifestyle at <https://www.choosemyplate.gov/resources/physical-activity>

Write a list of these benefits on the board. Read them aloud and have students repeat after you. At the end, have students turn and talk to a partner and tell them one good thing that physical activity does.

**2. Classroom Collection.** As a class, create a list of students’ favorite “movement” activities. Use the idea starters below, or have students brainstorm other moves or actions that they can act out.

### Rise and Shine Idea Starters:

- **Morning Wiggle:** Challenge students to stand in place and wiggle! The only rule is that their feet have to stay on the ground, but students can be as creative as they want with their movements while standing in place!
- **Be a Tree!** Students can stretch and “grow” like a tree... starting as a sapling and slowly reaching up to the sky
- **Waking Up Yoga:** Done seated or standing, challenge students to begin in a relaxed, “sleeping” posture and slowly “wake up” each body part, stretching and becoming aware of different body parts and gaining balance
- **Classroom Safari:** Ask students what their favorite animal is. Then challenge them to act or walk like different animals!

Have students transfer the list onto separate papers and store them in a canister or small Rise and Shine box that the students can decorate. At every opportunity, have a volunteer pull out an activity slip to launch a Rise and Shine break—at Circle Time, in between other lessons/activities, on rainy days, etc.

### **Modification:**

Turn it into a short game of charades for extra engagement!

After a Rise and Shine break, ask: How do you feel now? Can you tell that you are more awake and energized? That's what moving is all about—it helps keep your body healthy, and helps you feel great!

### **Teacher Tip:**

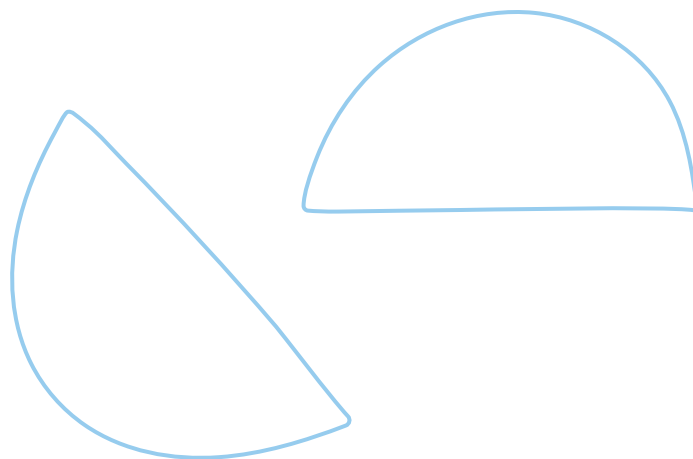
At this age, your students' hand-eye coordination and motor skills are still developing. Activities that include a variety of movement, like yoga, can be a great choice; they are also inclusive for students at all physical levels. Students with special needs can participate, too!

**3. Extend the Lesson.** As a class, review the Rise and Shine activities and ask students to vote on their favorites. Invite students to illustrate these activities and make a class book to share their favorite Rise and Shine moments with other classes, the school nurse, or even the principal. Remind students that they can “rise and shine” at home, too!

**4. Home Connection.** Send students home with the Rise and Shine Energy Tracker. Inform parents that the class is incorporating energizing activities into their daily school routine, and encourage them to support these efforts at home. On the tracker, parents can list all the physical activities they like to do as a family and collect stars every time they do an activity. Encourage the whole family to get moving while waiting for the school bus, before and after mealtime, or even while doing chores!

### **Additional Resources:**

- CDC - Be A Germ Stopper Poster  
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/posters.html#stopgerms>
- CDC - BAM! Body and Mind  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/bam/teachers.htm>
- CDC - Healthy Schools Parent Engagement Materials  
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/parentengagement/parentsforhealthyschools.htm>
- CDC - Link to Eagle Book Series  
Knees Lifted High (Book 2), Plate Full of Color (Book 3), Tricky Treats (Books 4)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/ndwp/eagle-books/early-readers.html>



## STUDENT HANDOUT: Rise and Shine Energy Tracker

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My goal is to get \_\_\_\_\_ stars every day.

Under “ACTIVITY,” write a list of your favorite physical activities. Every time you do the activity, put a star next to it. If you do the activity with a family member, put two stars! Set a goal for how many stars you want to get each day.

Rise and Shine Energy Tracker					
ACTIVITY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	How many stars did you get? <input type="text"/> Did you meet your goal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many stars did you get? <input type="text"/> Did you meet your goal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many stars did you get? <input type="text"/> Did you meet your goal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many stars did you get? <input type="text"/> Did you meet your goal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How many stars did you get? <input type="text"/> Did you meet your goal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Rise and Shine Sample Physical Activities

- Tag
- Biking/riding a scooter (with helmets!)
- Soccer
- Doing chores
- Charades
- Playground activities
- T-ball
- Clean room
- Walking/hiking
- Hopscotch
- Swimming
- Help with dinner dishes
- Jumping rope
- Hide-and-peek
- Walking a dog
- Rake lawn