

Sample Information for Students

This information should be given to teachers and other staff to read to students at a designated time to share with the entire student body (e.g., homeroom or first/second period)

It is with sadness that I tell you about a loss to our school family. On (INSERT date) (INSERT name of deceased) (INSERT fact about the death).

I understand that many of you may have upsetting feelings and questions about (INSERT name of deceased)'s death. I will try to answer any questions that I can. If you would like, we will take the remainder of this class period to talk about what has happened. At times like this, it is okay to have many different feelings, including sadness, anger, and disbelief. It is okay to cry. Together, we can talk about whatever you may be feeling or want to talk about. If I can not answer your questions, or you would like to talk to someone privately, there are support rooms now available (INSERT where support rooms are located). Anyone who would like to go to talk to someone in the support rooms may do so now. I will give you a pass.

Determine which students would like to leave for a support room. Ask the remaining students if they have any questions or comments they would like to share. Take time to answer and to talk as the students' desire.

If there is not lengthy discussion, consider quiet seat work rather than lesson plans as usual.