



Engageli for Early Elementary (K-3)

Best Practices for Online Classrooms



Teaching young learners online requires creativity, structure, and interactive tools tailored to their developmental needs. Engageli provides features and settings designed to keep students engaged, encourage participation, and help teachers maintain a safe and positive learning environment.

This guide outlines best practices for using Engageli with early elementary students.

Establish clear expectations and routines

- Set clear participation expectations both at the start of the year and during every class session, such as raising hands before speaking and staying muted when not talking.
- Reinforce behavior expectations in classroom materials with frequent visual cues and reminders.
- Provide structured transitions between lessons to help students feel ready for the next activity.
- Make sure all students know how to use Engageli effectively by providing a brief orientation on the buttons and settings.



Proactively manage classroom engagement and behavior

Keeping young learners focused in an online setting can be challenging. Engageli's teacher oversight tools allow you to guide students effectively.

Monitor engagement with live indicators

Engageli provides real-time engagement tracking so teachers can see which students are actively participating.

If a student isn't engaged, send a private message in chat or join their table to encourage participation.

Keep table chat visible to stay on task

Young students may get distracted, so keep table chat open for teacher monitoring.

If a group is off-task, gently redirect them to the activity by sending a quick message: "Table 2, tell me what shape you found!"

Use mute and talk management tools to keep order

To avoid everyone speaking at once, use Engageli's microphone control features:

- Mute all students during instruction.
- Unmute students one at a time for structured responses.

Create a positive learning environment

Use enthusiastic praise and encouragement to build confidence. Celebrate small wins, such as recognizing participation efforts: "Great job sharing your idea, Emma! Thank you for raising your hand and coming up to the podium!" The teacher can even give students a round of applause through Engageli's audio reactions.

Use a predictable routine

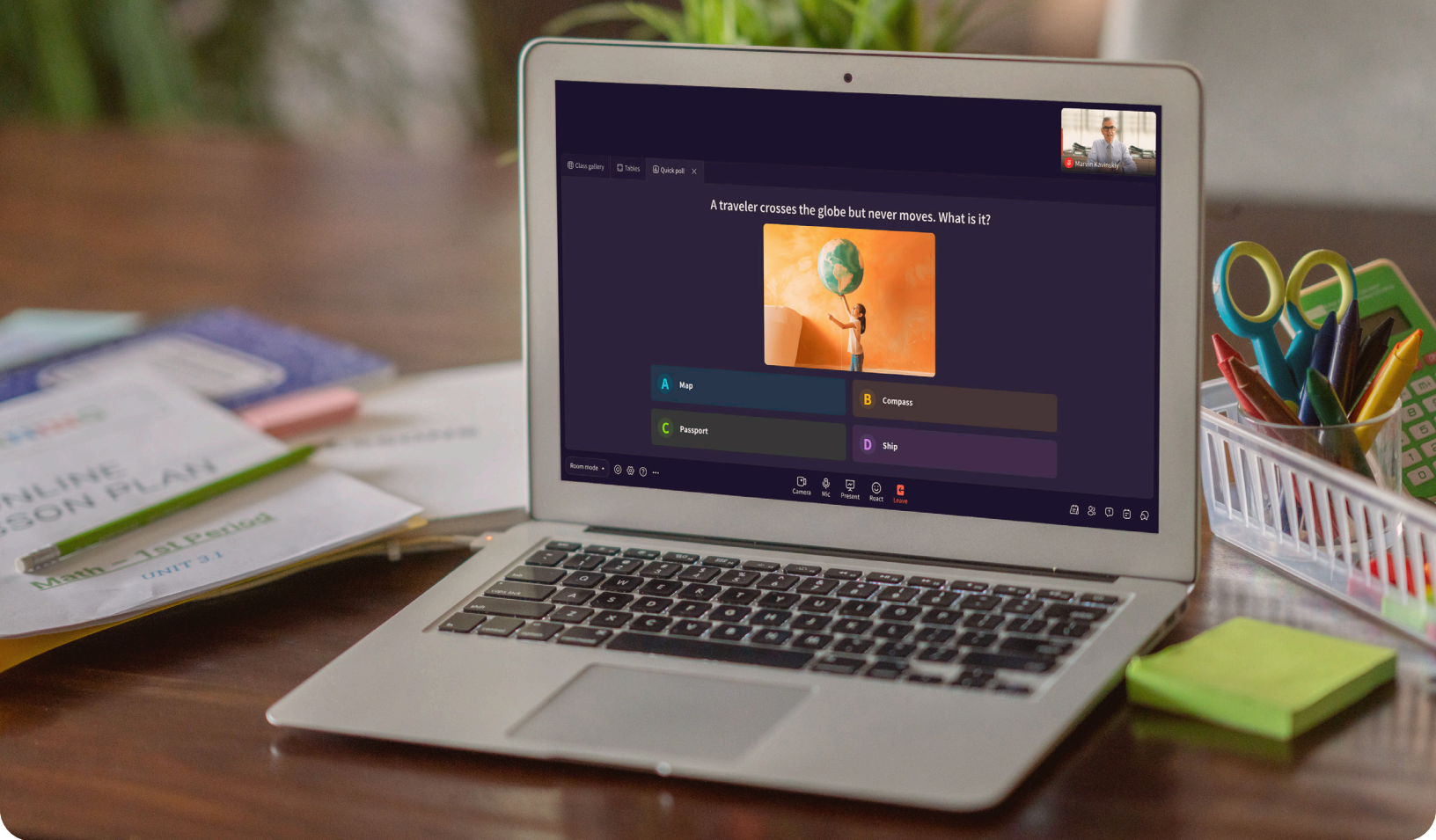
Start each class with a familiar welcome activity (a fun greeting, morning song, or show and tell). Keeping the same order of activities daily helps students feel secure knowing what's coming next.

Keep lessons short and structured

Young learners have short attention spans — plan activities in 5-10 minute chunks to keep them engaged. Alternate between teacher-led instruction, interactive activities, table work, and short breaks.

For more ideas on effectively managing your classroom in Engageli, check out our detailed [classroom management guide](#).





Use visual cues for pre-readers

Many early elementary students are still learning to read, so visual support is needed for engagement and comprehension.



Use Engageli action tag polls with pictures

Instead of text-based polls or quick polls, use Engageli's action tag polls with images alongside the answer options to help pre-readers make choices. Students can pair the picture with the answer instead of reading the text, ensuring all students can participate.

Example: If you're teaching about animals, create a poll with both pictures and word labels of a lion, elephant, and monkey, asking, 'Which animal is the biggest?'

Incorporate videos into lessons

Short, engaging videos can reinforce concepts visually and cater to different learning styles. Add them to your classroom slides to introduce new topics or reinforce learning.

Use Engageli's whiteboard for interactive activities

Activate the whiteboard feature and allow students to draw shapes, match letters to pictures, or practice writing their names.

Example: If teaching letters, display a group of letters on the whiteboard and ask students to highlight or circle all the instances of a specific letter, such as 'A'.

Use large, clear visual cues on simple slides

When presenting, use large, colorful images, simple words, and minimal text to avoid overwhelming students.

Example: For a math lesson more concrete, alongside '2 + 2,' show two apples + two apples.

Encourage participation in many ways

Young learners may be shy or unsure about speaking up, especially in large virtual groups. Engageli's reaction features and table discussions provide non-verbal ways for students to engage.

Use emoji voting for quick polls

Ask yes/no questions and have students respond using reactions. This helps students answer questions without needing to type or speak.

Example: "Do you like apples?"

Thumbs up for yes, thumbs down for no!



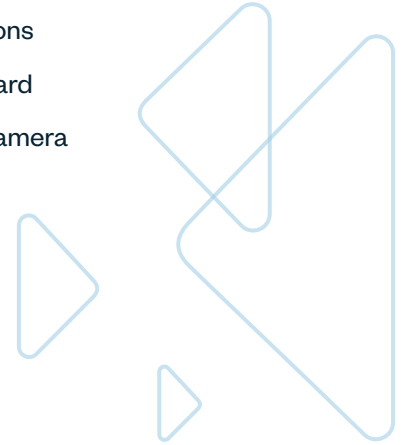
Encourage public speaking skills through the podium

Public speaking is an important skill that is intimidating for many students. Encourage early development of communication skills like public speaking and confidence in front of peers with low-stakes use of the Engageli podium, paired with encouragement and praise.

Engage multiple learning styles

Some children love to talk, while others may be shy. Allow participation through:

- Speaking aloud
- Chatting or using reactions
- Drawing on the whiteboard
- Holding up objects on camera



Keep students active with game and movement-based activities

Young children learn best through movement and play. Engageli's interactive tables, whiteboard, and reaction tools help incorporate movement into virtual learning.

Color and shape scavenger hunt

Split your class into table groups of 5 and label the tables with colors. Ask students to find something blue in their environment. Once they find it, ask them to draw it on the table whiteboard and share what they found with their group.

Virtual show and tell tables

Assign each table as a sharing circle where students can present something special to their peers. This builds listening skills, confidence, and social interaction.

Example: Bring your favorite stuffed animal to class! Each student will take turns holding it up and telling their table group about it.

Use movement breaks to keep energy levels high

Set a timer in Engageli for a 30-second movement break where students can stand up, stretch, or follow a fun action (like hopping like a bunny). Assign one table to be the movement leaders, choosing actions for others to follow.

For more game-based learning activities to try with your classroom in Engageli, check out our guide.

Engageli makes early elementary online learning engaging, structured, and interactive—helping young learners thrive in a virtual setting!

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