

## Figure 8 breathing exercise

**OPTIMAL GRADES:** K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

be nice. ACTION PLAN focus: challenge or empower

### **MATERIALS:**

Handout for the breathing exercise – see below

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

Have the student trace their finger around the figure 8 while breathing in and breathing out. This mindful exercise gets the student to concentrate on their breathing and hopefully will slow down their heart rate and put them in a relaxed state. The student might need to trace the figure 8 a few times to slow down their breathing.

One idea is to make copies of the figure 8 handout, laminate and give a copy to each student to keep in their desk. You could also keep the copies and handout and do the exercise all together as a class.









# be nice.

## JUST BREATHE









