



“Give Me Five,” made famous by Cindy Wong, is a classic technique used across grade levels.

When the teacher says, “Give Me Five, please,” and holds up a hand, ready to put up five fingers, the students verbally count out from one to five. While they are counting, they do the activity associated with the number.

1. Eyes on teacher.
2. Lips closed.
3. Ears listening.
4. Hands free (put things down).
5. Listen.

Once this procedure is followed to the teacher’s satisfaction, the procedure is reduced to the verbalization of “Give me five, please.” Then, the teacher and the students silently count while doing the items associated with the number.

More about this procedure, along with other examples, can be found in *The First Days of School*.