



BEYOU

BE ENGAGED YOUR OWN UNIQUE WAY

BEYOU is all about making sure you can be the real you at school! This guide explores cultural behaviors, and highlights BEYOU moments for students like you to be their cultural and linguistic selves at school.

ORALITY/VERBAL EXPRESSIVENESS:

It's not what you say, it's HOW you say it!

What does it mean?

Orality and verbal expressiveness is all about **how** something is said, rather than what is said. Your body, voice, and face are all important parts of how you show something is important to you.

Culturally Speaking:

Orality, or verve, is the ability to effectively express ideas through words, symbols, and nonverbals. Verve is valued in some cultures as a sign of enthusiasm, engagement, and passion.

BEYOU Moments

- Small group discussions
- Read alouds
- Whole group response activities
- Movement activities

CLR Activities to BEYOU:

Fishbowl
Radio Reading
Interview a Word
Readers Theater

PROXIMITY:

Distance between you and others

What does it mean?

Proximity describes how close or far away we like to be from other people. In some cultures, standing very near to someone can show a feeling of closeness. In other cultures, it is more comfortable to have more distance between people.

Culturally Speaking:

Proximity is a very tangible cultural behavior. The distance between two people that shows respect, rapport and relationship is culturally determined.

BEYOU Moments

- Partner discussions and activities
- Movement activities
- Class routines (morning meeting, calendar, choice time or passing time)
- Silent or shared reading

CLR Activities to BEYOU:

Back to Back
Walk and Talk
Reading Tea Party
Huddle

Check out the Cultural Behavior Tutorials for these cultural behaviors and more [here!](#)