

Checklist for Building Student-Teacher Relationships

Learn all names:

- First & last
- Ask for help: school clerical & other staff, students, siblings, parents
- Practice pronunciation
- Confirm correctness with student- get it right!

Greeting at the door:

- Daily- don't skip!
- First names
- Smile & eye contact

Student interest surveys:

- Collect student info to learn more
- Share with class
- Online resources, such as: Socrative, Poll Everywhere, Kahoot, Survey Monkey or Google forms

Postcards or phone calls home:

- Before school starts
- Welcome, introductions, hopes

Ice-breaker activities:

- First week of school or random throughout the year
- Increase engagement: active, getting-to-know-you



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Peer interviews:

- Design your own or use online resources
- Interactive
- Oral language opportunities
- Share with class

Family introduction videos:

- Students create questions
- Use technology to film
- Offer opportunity to share in class
- Provides background for teacher connections

Family Interview assignments:

- Short survey
- Student-created questions
- Share in class: written piece, oral presentation

Walk and talks- sharing conversations:

- Active- movement with a purpose
- Create conversation topics or student-led
- Students with students or student with teacher
- Outside of classroom

Class slide shows:

- Collaborate using technology, such as Google slides
- Incorporate photos
- Class community-building

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Oral language activities:

- Speaking
- Listening
- Community-building
- Builds vocabulary
- Interactive
- Supports ELLs' language development

Pop culture connections:

- Research-supported for classroom engagement
- Survey favorites, such as: movies, songs, TV shows, sports teams, video games, hair, clothes, shoes
- Connect as super-fans- students & teachers

Morning meetings:

- Responsive Classroom or other formats
- Daily plans
- Sets a tone
- Interactive engagement

Listen:

- Practice awareness
- Proximity to groups and individuals
- Ask questions
- Eye contact
- Active listening techniques

Writing assignments:

- Writing to express
- Name poems
- Personal narratives to tell a story
- Opportunities for “ungraded” writing