

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this lesson is for students to help build a positive classroom community at the beginning of the school year.



LESSON CONTENT

During their school years, children spend a great deal of time in school. Not only does school provide the opportunity for academic growth, but it provides a sense of community as well. The relationships that students form with peers, teachers, and other staff can have a lasting impact on their lives.

STRATEGIES

- Learn about your peers.
- Engage in and support learning.
- Promote a positive class culture.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Why is community important in a school setting?
- What difference does it make when you know your peers' names?
- What can you do to help create a happy classroom community?

EXTENDING THE LEARNING

- Make a list of people in your class that you would like to get to know better. Write a list of questions that you can ask them.
- Talk to your friends or family about the positive experiences that they had at school. Ask them about what made school a positive place and who contributed to that atmosphere.