

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

Teenagers 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 students form with peers, teachers, and other staff can have a lasting impact on their lives.

STRATEGIES

- Learn about others.
- Include and celebrate others.
- Promote a positive class culture.
- Contribute with enthusiasm.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Why is community important in a school setting?
- Do you feel like it is important to call people by their names? Why or why not? How do you feel when someone knows your name?
- What are some similarities and differences you have with your peers at school?

EXTENDING THE LEARNING

- Get together with a group of friends from school and play some group games (e.g., Two Truths and a Lie).
- Draw a blueprint of your classroom, including all of the desks. See if you can write the names of all of your peers. If you cannot remember some, learn them the next day at school.