

READING RESPONSES FOR ANY BOOK

Back to School Books

- LUCY WALKER, NONSTOP TALKER
- DECIBELLA AND HER G-IN
- MY MOUTH IS A VOLCANO
- HOW FULL IS YOUR BELLY?
- I'M IN THE MIDDLE
- YOU'RE FINALLY HERE
- NEVER RIDE AN ELEPHANT

Friendship Books

TO SCHOOL with BOOKS

Friendship Books: books that promote making new friends as well as treating each other with respect.

Diversity Books: books that promote diversity, being unique, and celebrating differences.

Reading Responses for ANY BOOK

CREATING a new award

Students make an award to give to someone else in their class. You can have them choose a partner or have students draw names to that someone gets an award. In the other students draw a picture of the award and name the award. On the ribbon, students write a message that the student is receiving the award.

Sharing Experiences

Students draw a picture of the other person's book. On the ribbon students write the title of the book and why it deserves an award.

LEGO Olympics

Communication skills, trial and error, teamwork, problem-solving, and more! When students have to find a way to make it happen, they build strong skills: self, team, and communication skills. Learning activities are the perfect way to allow students to build thinking and critical.

LEGO Olympics is an exciting activity to help your students collaborating and working together. You will need a small LEGO (Lego's preferred brand is Smart), Lego Olympics ball, and the Lego Olympics challenge sheets.

SETTING EXPECTATIONS

POPPING classroom EXPECTATIONS

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CONVERSATIONS starters

These conversation starters can be printed on colored paper, laminated, and cut out to use throughout the year. Punch a hole and fasten together with ribbon or a binder ring and you are all set.

Two ways to use the conversation starters:

1. Use the teacher, but the teacher will ask the student a question. Allow students time to respond through either turn and tell or by sharing with the class.
2. Give groups or pairs of students a question to read and have them discuss with one another.

TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

GETTING to know ONE ANOTHER

You can make the bookworms with or without the antennae! Cut this area in half so that there is a crease and can hold the bookfold up.

BOXED In

Use this to help to make connections in your class. This activity will help you to build communication skills between students.

PIT Fall TEAM BUILDING

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DIRECTED DRAWING AND ALL ABOUT ME

ALL ABOUT ME

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BEGIN THE YEAR with a BANG!

If we truly want to build student engagement, we have to create fun unexpected tasks. Let's make the first day "unexpected" easy. There's just something magical about popping a balloon. You can place a first day assignment in the balloon, blow it up, and attach the tag. Or draw in the unit we have included the first day assignment: INTRODUCING the Popsicle Cleaners. The students will come in on day one, pop the balloon, and begin designing and building their creation.

What is your favorite cartoon?

COOPERATIVE LEARNING IDEAS

SUPER CLUE #1

RIDDLES CLUE #1

CLUE #2

CLUE #3

ROLL into RIDDLES!

SWEET RIDDLES

The activity can be completed with any type of colored candy or dice. The only exception is you are not allowed to bring food into the classroom.

WOULD YOU Rather?

If you are using number cards:

BACKPACK CRAFT FOR POSITIVE WORDS

PACK your sack!

PACK the

PACKING UP POSITIVE Words!

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ENGAGING FIRST WEEK ACTIVITIES

B2S BOOK

Recommendations

Back to School Books

- **LUCY WALKER, NONSTOP TALKER**
By Christianne C. Jones
- **DECIBELLA AND HER 6-INCH VOICE**
By Julia Cook
- **MY MOUTH IS A VOLCANO**
By Julia Cook
- **HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET**
By Tom Rath
- **MY TEACHER IS A MONSTER**
By Peter Brown
- **SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG BUN**
By Maria Diamondy
- **YOU'RE FINALLY HERE**
By Melanie Watt
- **NEVER RIDE AN ELEPHANT TO SCHOOL**
By Doug Johnson

Friendship Books

- **THOSE SHOES**
By Marileth Boelts
- **EACH KINDNESS**
By Jacqueline Woodson
- **PEANUT BUTTER AND CUPCAKE**
By Jerry Border
- **STICK AND STONE**
By Beth Ferry
- **YOU WILL BE MY FRIEND**
By Peter Brown
- **THE SANDWICH SWAP**
By Queen Rania of Jordan Al Abdullah
- **THE RECESS QUEEN**
By Alexis O'Neill
- **ENEMY PIE**
By Derek Munson

Character Education Books

- **THE NAME JAR**
By Yangsook Choi
- **CHRYSANTHEMUM**
By Kevin Henkes
- **ODD VELVET**
By Mary Whitcomb
- **ERARD THE EMU**
By Sheena Knowles
- **RUBY THE COPYCAT**
By Margaret Rathmann
- **THE INVISIBLE BOY**
By Trudy Ludwig
- **SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG BUN**
By Maria Diamondy
- **STAND TALL BY MOLLY LOU MELON**
By Patty Lovell
- **BRONTORINA**
By James Howe

B2S CONTENT

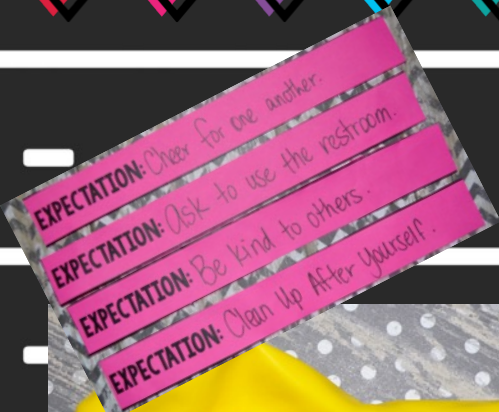
Crafts and Projects





SETTING THE TONE

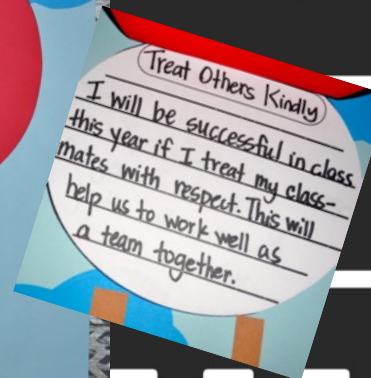
Classroom Expectations Activities




EXPECTATION: Cheer for one another.
EXPECTATION: Ask to use the restroom.
EXPECTATION: Be kind to others.
EXPECTATION: Clean Up After Yourself.



EXPECTATION: Ask to use the restroom.



(Treat Others Kindly)
I will be successful in class this year if I treat my classmates with respect. This will help us to work well as a team together.



ALL ABOUT ME!

Directed Drawing & Writing Activity





INTRODUCTION

Activities



TEAM BUILDING

Activities





COMMUNICATION

Skill Practice & Collaboration Fun



POSITIVE CULTURE

Using Uplifting Words

