

Welcome Mixer

PART 1.

ALL ABOUT YOU SURVEY: At the beginning of the first day of school, students are given an “All about You” questionnaire to fill in.

It includes the following questions for them to answer:

- First and Last Name:
- Nickname or What Everyone Calls Me:
- Languages I Speak:
- Favorite Activity or What I Like to Do Best:
- Favorite Vacation or Favorite Place:
- Favorite Movie or Book:
- Two Things I am Really Good At:
- Pets I Have or Pets I Wish I Had:
- Family Members: (Names, Relationship like Brother/Sister and Ages):
- What I Want My Teacher To Know About Me (for example, I hate to read aloud, I can't see the board, I don't speak English well, I love poetry):
- Questions I have about the teacher or this class:

PART 2. WELCOME MIXER

Later on the first day of school, students are gathered into the largest open space area of the classroom and broken into two equal groups by numbering them off 1s and 2s. The groups stand in two concentric circles. 1's make a circle facing out. 2's make a circle on the outside of the 1's, facing inward so they are facing the 1's. If you have an odd number of students, then the teacher joins the circle also.

Teacher tells the #1s to take 36 seconds and share some of the information on their

“All About You Survey” with their partner. After 36 seconds teacher plays the chime (previously taught attention signal). If students don't get quiet by the third chime, teacher reminds students what the chime means and how they should respond and tells them he/she expects them to do better the next time. If students do well getting quiet by third chime, teacher thanks them for doing such a good job remembering and following the procedure.

Teacher tells the #2s to now take 36 seconds and share their survey info. After another 36 seconds, teacher plays chime, again reinforcing the attention signal. Teacher tells the #1s (inside circle) to move one person to their right, so now everyone has a new partner, and the activity is repeated. ! Teacher can continue to repeat the activity, changing partners, as many times as he/she wants. Usually 4-5 rounds is a good number.