

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Alyssa Benedetti

Katie Calverley

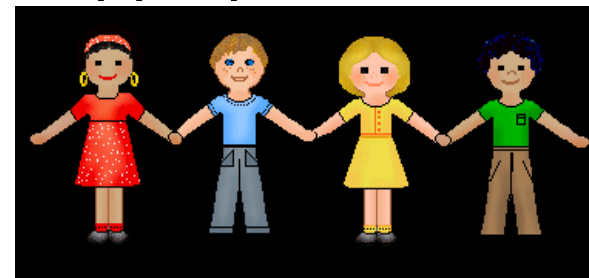
Nicole Gomez

Jennifer Montes

Ashley Ruby

Will I Feel Accepted?

- Greet each individual student at the door
 - ▣ This helps create a sense from students that you, the teacher, care about each one your students in a personal way.
 - ▣ This personal interest motivates students to do better in class.
 - ▣ Your presence will also reduce the likelihood of misbehavior.
 - ▣ If students try to enter your room rambunctiously or disruptively, you can take care of the inappropriate behavior right then and there.



Will I Feel Accepted?

- Name Tag
 - ▣ Kindergarten class: most students do not know each other.
 - Name tags are a great way to learn names for children and teacher, may help with reading, letter/word recognition.
- Carpet square
 - ▣ Gives an individual space for each student.
 - ▣ Students feel like they can call a part of the classroom their 'own'.



Will I Feel Accepted?



- Artwork posted on wall
 - ▣ Students will see that something that they have created is displayed in their new classroom
 - ▣ This act shows that their teacher cares about each individual student.
 - ▣ Seeing creative work displayed gives a sense of pride to each student.
 - ▣ Students will feel creative- may open up easier
 - ▣ Artwork is tied into “Will I feel safe” (Home visit)

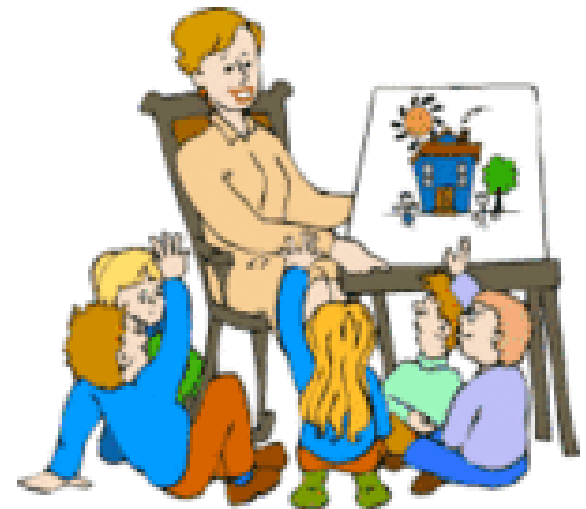
How will I feel safe?

- Went over safety rules
- Home visits
- Art work from home visit
- Picture on name tag to identify which is your name tag



What Will Be Expected?

- I explained to the students that we will create an “Expectations Poster” for the year.
- As a class, we came up with the 3 expectations.
- When we finished, I went over the expectations and answered and questions that they had and clarified any misunderstandings.



What Will Be Expected?

- The reason why we created the expectation poster as a class...
 - ▣ The students feel they had a part and contributed to what is expected of them.
 - ▣ They will have more respect for the expectations.
 - ▣ They will remember the expectations better.
 - ▣ Creating a poster of expectations for the school year is a great idea because the students can always refer to the poster if they forget. They will always know what is expected of them.

What Will Be Expected?



- Creating a poster of expectations for the school year is a great idea because the students can always refer to the poster if they forget. They will always know what is expected of them.

How Comfortable Will I Be?



To make the student comfortable, I...

- Greeted them at the door by name
- Had name tags ready with their names on them
- Gave them each their own carpet square to sit on
- Had their art work hanging around the classroom

How Comfortable Will I Be?

- Had the agenda planned out on the board
- Told the students All About Me
- Allowed questions
- Will have each student create their own All About Me



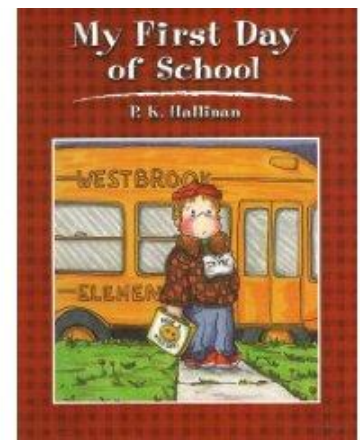


Will This Content Be Helpful To Me?

- Use a simple interest survey to find out students interests so that content can be taught parallel to interests.
- Number carpet, ABC's on wall, story corner, art corner, science corner. (Set room up to show different subjects and ideas that will be taught.)
- Show students a fun science experiment to show them peak their interest in science corner, have a fun math game set up in the math corner, art supplies set out so students can easily access them, interesting easy read books (variety of levels and topics) displayed in the reading corner, etc.

Will This Content Be Helpful To Me?

- Read *My First Day of School* by P.K. Hallinan or *The First Day of School* by Margaret McNamara or *First Day Jitters* by Julie Danneberg to show how story time and lessons go.
- Depending on grade level do a textbook treasure hunt (allow to work together maybe have fun prizes) so students can get familiar with text.



Will This Content Be Helpful To Me?

- Give formal or informal assessments to see what students remember from previous years and where students' different ability levels are. (Learn what they already know)
- Scavenger hunt and tour of the classroom so students get to know where everything is, grow familiar with their environment, and see some of the things they will be working with.