

ESTABLISHING SUCCESS FROM DAY ONE
Essential First Week Practices

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OBJECTIVE

Explore strategies for establishing a structured, supportive classroom learning environment

What is the **most significant factor supporting student learning and engagement?**




Trust → Belonging and Engagement

- Caring, respectful relationships
 - with and among students
- Sense of value
- Structure and routines
- Support

Be Vulnerable


- Never ask kids to do something you aren't willing to do
- Let them know who you are
- Let them know you care
- Maintain professional boundaries

Be Approachable – Who Are You?



Know Your Students as People

- Know Students By Name**
 - Seating charts
 - Name tags
 - Greeting at the door
- Understand Their Lives and What Matters to Them**
 - Student surveys
 - Ice breakers
 - Check-ins



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Student Survey


- Demonstrate you care
- Incorporate their interests and cultures into your lessons
- Let them have a say – consider their learning preferences



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Visual Presence

- Student interests, values, goals
- Foster belongingness
 - Display
 - Gallery walks



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Engagement Among Students

- Facilitate opportunities for students to engage with one another
 - Collaborative seating arrangements
 - Ice breaker activities
 - Random grouping and jigsaw activities

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Collaborative Seating



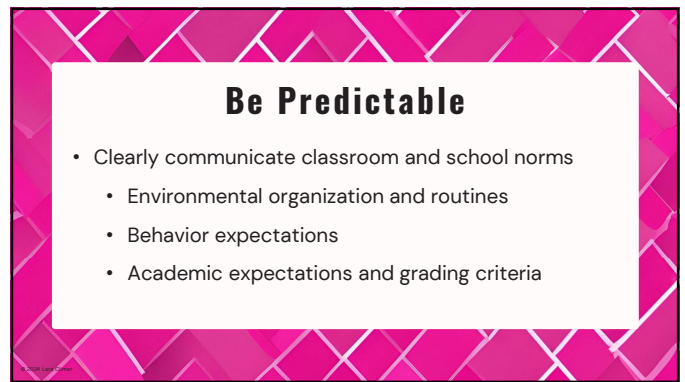
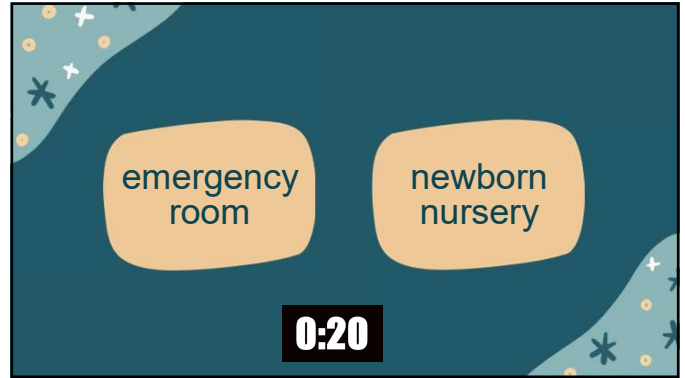
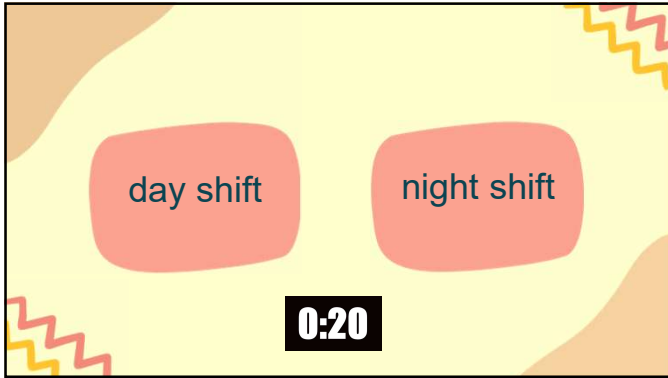
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This or That

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Housekeeping

- ARRIVAL & TARDINESS
- BACKPACKS
- STUDENT ID
- DOOR
- 20-20 RULE
- RESTROOM PROCEDURE
- SUPPLIES & COMPUTERS
- VOICE LEVELS
- FOOD & DRINKS
 - NO DELIVERY
- CLEAN UP & DISMISSAL
- EMERGENCIES

Assignments

- _____ White Board
- _____ Canvas
- _____ Objectives
- _____ Warm Up
- _____ Classwork
- _____ Always due at the end of class
- _____ Presenting

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