

First Day of School Activities

for In-Person or Virtual Teaching



FIRST DAY READ ALOUDS

Share a story with your class and discuss how it relates to your classroom. Try out one from [our list of favorites](#).

GETTING TO KNOW YOU SURVEY

Set up a [google survey](#) and ask students about their favorite things, families and learning styles.

KAHOO ICEBREAKERS

Create a kahoot or use one of their [beginning of the year templates](#) to create a fun and interactive getting to know you activity for your students.

ALL ABOUT US SLIDE SHOW

Have students create an all about me page and compile them into one slideshow presentation. You can have everyone use the same template, or let them design their own. Go through the slides with the class and have each student share a bit about themselves.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Name adjectives like red, triangular, fuzzy or soft and have students find something in the room that matches that description.

MY FAVORITE THING

Have students choose their favorite possession like a toy, souvenir, photo, stuffed animal and have them share it with the class or a small group.

GO NOODLE

Do some [Go Noodle](#) videos together, play a game, dance, sing or meditate!

FAMILY PHOTOS

Have students choose 1-2 photos of their family to share with the class.

SELF PORTRAIT

Have students design a self portrait and share with the class. Encourage students to add elements that show their identity like favorite foods, family members, pets and culture.