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Community Edition!

30+ teamwork activities for the first weeks of school

Find someone whose birthday is the same month as yours.	Find someone who is wearing the same color shirt as you.
Find someone whose first name starts with the same letter as your first name.	Find someone who was born in a different state than you.
Find someone who has the same amount of siblings you have.	Find someone whose favorite food is the same as yours.
Find someone whose favorite school subject is the same as yours.	
Find someone who teaches in your classroom ☺.	
Find someone who is the oldest child in their family.	
Find someone who has graduated from this school since kindergarten.	
Find someone who went to another state this summer.	
Find someone who reads books this summer.	
Find someone who has a dog as a pet.	
Find someone who has a cat as a pet.	
Find someone whose favorite color is blue.	

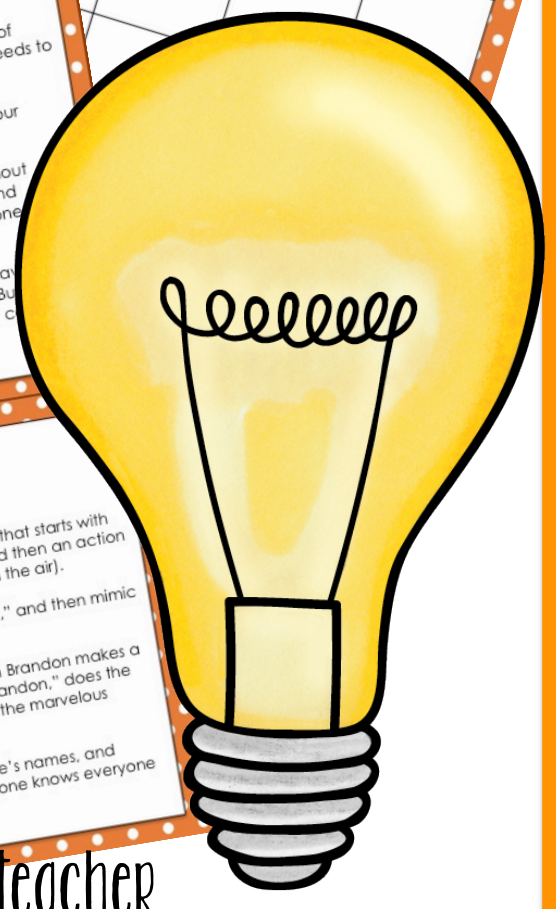
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The Log

1. You will need an item that serves as "a log." We have used a piece of wood or even the bottom seat on bleachers in the gym. It basically needs to be some type of elevated structure that students can stand on.
2. Next have the students line up in order from shortest to tallest on your "log."
3. Then explain to students that they have to reverse their order without touching the ground. The idea is that they have to support, help, and communicate with each other in order to switch their order. If anyone touches the ground everyone has to go back and start over.
4. Be patient! This activity usually takes awhile because students have to figure out a method and how to communicate with each other. But if you are patient, the students will be so proud and excited when they complete the task.

The Name Game

1. Start out by getting in a circle.
2. Start out by saying your name with an adjective/action verb that starts with the same letter. For example I would say marvelous Martina and then an action that matches the adjective/action verb (like raising my arms in the air).
3. Then everyone else in the circle says "Hi, marvelous Martina," and then mimics the action I have done.
4. Then the next person goes. "Bouncing Brandon," and then Brandon makes a bouncing action. Then the whole class says "Hi, Bouncing Brandon," does the bouncing action, say "Hi, marvelous Martina," and then do the marvelous action.
5. The pattern continues with everyone repeating everyone's names, and actions until everyone gets to say their names (and everyone knows everyone's names!)



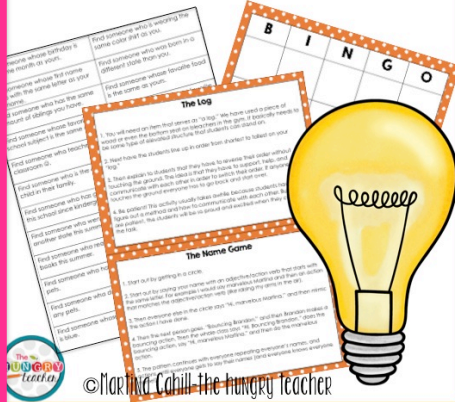
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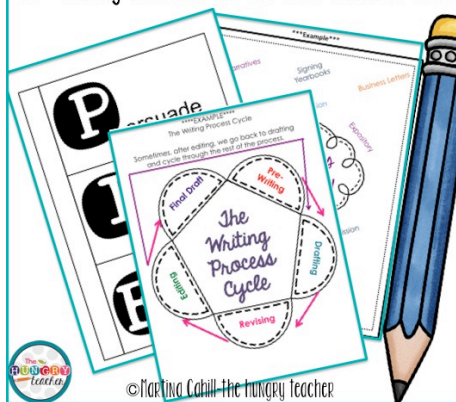
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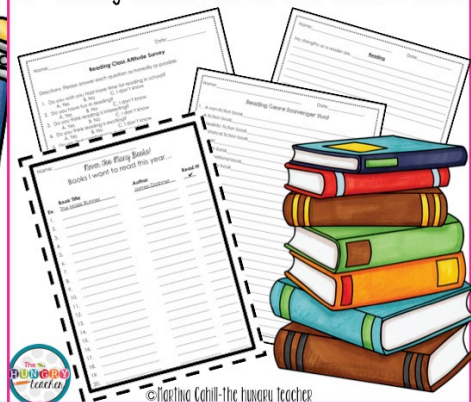
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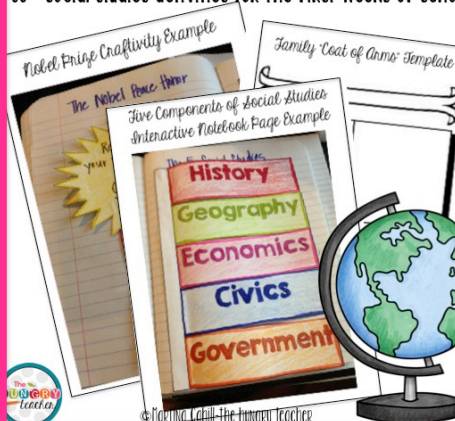
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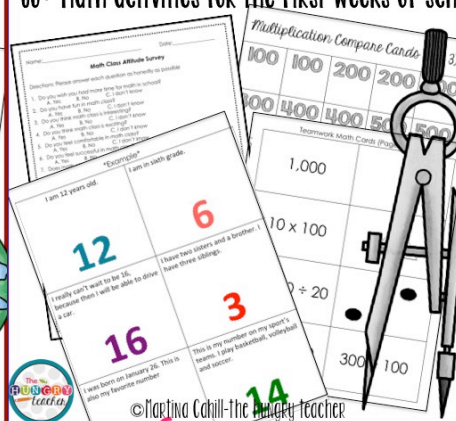
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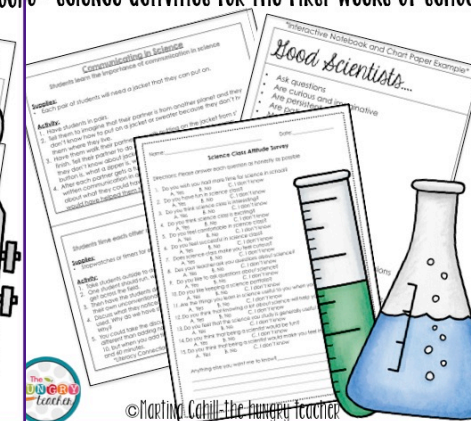
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I Can't Funeral

1.) Start out by explaining to students that we all believe that there are things we "can't" do. Then explain that "I can't" shouldn't be a phrase we use in our classroom because there are so many other things we can say like "I'll try" or "I need help."

2.) Students will write down all the things they believe they "can't" do. After they have written down all the things they think they can't do, you could have a discussion on some strategies they could use instead of saying "I can't." Like ask a friend or use a resource like a book or the computers. You could make a chart paper of these strategies to be displayed in your classroom.

3.) Pick a day for your "I can't" funeral and encourage your students to wear black that day. We made a tombstone out of cardboard that said "Here lies the I Can't statements of the 5th grade class. RIP." The students took turns digging a hole (with permission from our principal) and we buried our "I Can't" statements in a shoebox. Any time a student says "I can't," you can just say "I can't is buried."

The Facts Game - Beat the Teacher

1.) Start out by writing 20-30 interesting facts about yourself.

2.) Create a score keeping area. One place for your (the teacher) score and one place for your students' score. It's you vs. them.

3.) On the day you do this activity have students write three different facts about themselves on index cards.

4.) Then read all your facts and then have each student read their facts.

5.) Now the fun begins! I have to say a fact and the name of the person who said the fact. If I get it right then I get a point. If I guess right, the student whose fact I called out goes next. They have to try and remember a fact about me. If they get one right, the students get a point.

6. The pattern continues until you run out of facts.... Or time! ☺

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Blanket Buddies

- 1.) You will need a blanket that your students can stand on.
- 2.) Explain to students that the ground they are standing on is too cold and if they are on it for too long they will freeze. Because of this, you have provided them a blanket to stand on that will keep them warm.
- 3.) Explain to them that the blanket only works to help them if the whole class is standing on it. Allow students to figure out how they are all going to stand on it and then work out their plan.
- 4.) After students have completed this task explain to them that another class needs half of the blanket to keep them warm. Fold the blanket in half and then tell the students that they all have to fit on half of the blanket now. Enjoy watching them get cozy.

Dynamic Duos

- 1.) You will need the dynamic duo matching card set (next page).
- 2.) Give each student one of the cards (or you could tell them which part of the dynamic duo they are).
- 3.) Then explain to students that they will have to find their dynamic duo match without doing any talking.
- 4.) Spread students out in your classroom or outside on the playground and then tell them to "go" whenever you are ready for them to start.
- 5.) Sit back and enjoy the show! (Make sure to watch out for the student who has to act out a meatball ☺).

Spongebob	Patrick
Spaghetti	Meatballs
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Chips	Salsa
Jack	Jill
Mickey Mouse	Minnie Mouse
Harry Potter	Ron Weasley
Salt	Pepper

Bert	Ernie
Rock	Roll
Chocolate Chip	Cookie
Grilled	Cheese
Ketchup	Mustard
Mario	Luigi
Calvin	Hobbes
Batman	Robin

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