

be nice.: Invite others in

Objectives:

1. Students will learn how to start conversations with a student in the class and learn what good friendship is.
2. Students will be split into pairs and complete a Venn Diagram to visualize similarities and differences they may have with their peers.

Materials:

Paper
Pencils/pens
Markers
Construction paper

Motivation:

Talk to the students about what friendship is. Friendship is a relationship between friends: mutual support and trust. Discuss how students may have many similarities with one another, yet they may not know it. Inviting others in to have a conversation can deepen friendships, or form friendships that weren't there in the first place!

Development:

Each student will have 3 minutes to individually answer the following questions on a sheet of paper:

- What is your favorite color?
- Favorite thing to do at home?
- Favorite book/author?
- Favorite movie?
- How old are you?
- Favorite school subject?
- Favorite food?
- Favorite TV show?
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Once students have answered these questions, have each pair make a Venn Diagram (one circle for each student in the pair). From there, have them separate the similarities and differences. If time allows, students can come up with their own similarities and differences to add.

Closure:

Discuss the activity with your students.

- Give groups a chance to share what they learned about their partner, if the groups feel comfortable doing this
 - Were you surprised about your similarities? Differences?
 - Do other people have the same answers as you, outside of your group?
- How did it feel to get to know this person?
- Do you think being a good friend means to invite others in to conversations/games on the playground/etc.?
- When is an appropriate time to ask a friend how they are doing?
 - Break times, recess, free time
 - Not in the middle of class