

Start with Hello Week- September 23-27

Classroom Ideas

* Mix up students in your class into new groupings
* Mix-N-Mingle- Encourage students to sit with someone new at lunch so no one eats alone
* Morning Meeting Idea- teach students how to say Hello and greet others in different languages ([Article “Beyond the Handshake: How People Greet Each Other Around the World](https://www.afar.com/magazine/beyond-the-handshake-how-people-greet-each-other-around-the-world))
* Do your students know each other’s names yet? If not spend time letting students introduce themselves to one another
* Smile Wall- Have a place in your classroom where students can share notes of kindness or acknowledge something that made them smile
* Creative Writing- Assign journal prompts to motivate students to reflect on personal experiences and think about the importance of saying “Hello” to others who may be feeling left out or isolated. Ex: “Think about a time when you felt left out. What was that experience like? What helped stope that feeling? Why is saying “Hello” to others important?”
* Have students create artwork that shows the importance of “Saying Hello”
* Class “Start with Hello” pledge- Students pledge to include everyone and make everyone feel welcome at SBES