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CLASSROOM PACK · K-8



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

First-week activities for K-8 — name games, icebreakers,
classroom promises, planning templates.

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About this pack

The **Welcome Back to School Pack** is a print-and-go classroom resource designed to make this transition week easier on you.

Inside: **reflection worksheets**, **printable activities**, **icebreaker games**, and **fill-in pages** that work for any K-8 grade level.

Use the whole pack across the week, or pull individual pages as fillers. All pages designed to support a calm, structured, joyful classroom.

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First-Week Planner

Sketch your first 5 days. Focus on connection and structure — not content.

	MORNING	MID-MORNING	AFTER LUNCH	END OF DAY
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				



FIRST-WEEK PRIORITIES

- **Day 1** — name games, room tour, fill out "About Me", classroom promises.
- **Day 2-3** — routines (where to put backpacks, lining up, bathroom passes). Repeat until automatic.
- **Day 4-5** — start light academic work. Use icebreaker games as transitions.

👋 HELLO, I AM...

About Me

Fill this out so your teacher can get to know you faster.

My name:

What I want to be called:

My grade:

My favorite subject (last year):

Something I'm good at:

Something I want to learn this year:

My favorite book/movie/song right now:

One thing my teacher should know about me:

One sentence about your summer:

Classroom Promises

Write rules WITH your class — not at them. Use as a group exercise on day 1 or 2.

CONVERSATION PROMPTS

- What makes a classroom feel SAFE?
- What makes you ABLE TO LEARN?
- What does RESPECT look like in this room?
- What should we do when someone breaks a rule?

OUR CLASSROOM PROMISES (WRITE TOGETHER)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Sign at the bottom — every student. Hang the page on the wall as a class commitment.



BREAK THE ICE

6 Icebreaker Games

No-prep, no-materials games for the first week.

1. Two Truths and a Lie

🕒 5 min

Each student writes 3 statements — 2 true, 1 false. Class guesses the lie.

2. Find Someone Who...

🕒 10 min

Hand out a bingo grid of "find someone who has a pet · find someone who speaks 2 languages..."
Kids walk + collect signatures.

3. Snowball Toss

🕒 8 min

Kids write 2 things about themselves on paper. Crumple it into a "snowball." Toss across room. Pick up one. Try to guess who wrote it.

4. Common Ground

🕒 10 min

Groups of 4. Find 3 things you ALL have in common (besides obvious stuff like "we go to this school"). Share with class.

5. Name Story

🕒 5 min

Each student shares one true thing about their name (origin, family meaning, what they wish it was). Quick + intimate.

6. Would You Rather Walking Vote

🕒 10 min

Read silly choices ("Fly OR be invisible?"). Kids walk to one side of room based on answer. Defend in 30 seconds.



LITTLE SURVEY

My Learning Style

No wrong answers. This helps your teacher teach you better.

1. I learn best when I can **SEE** / **HEAR** / **DO** / **READ** (circle one):

2. When something is hard, I usually:

3. My favorite kind of project is:

4. I work best **ALONE** / **WITH A PARTNER** / **IN A GROUP** (circle one):

5. A subject I **LOVE** and why:

6. A subject I find **HARD** and why:

This Year I Will...

3 honest goals. Not "get straight A's" — something you can actually do.

1. Something I want to LEARN this year:

2. Someone I want to BECOME FRIENDS with:

3. A book I want to FINISH:

4. A habit I want to BUILD (in 4 weeks):

5. How I will know I'm DOING WELL:



HERE'S TO A GREAT YEAR

You've got this. Start with connection. Build the
routines. Be the teacher you would have wanted in
4th grade.