

#EducatorVoices: A Little Family – Teresa Lanfranco

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I'm Teresa, and I am from Gonzales, and I teach Transitional Kindergarten. How do you build community in your classroom? How do you establish trust with and among your students? Why is relational capacity important? And that's a big part of what I do, especially that first part of the school year, getting to know the kiddos, getting them to trust me, building relationships with each of them, and helping them build relationships with each other. It goes a long way to creating that classroom culture I like where we're like kind of a little family inside of our school community. And it's really important that I have this established; otherwise, the next step of their learning is going to be a lot harder without that piece in place. So just doing a lot of activities early on, where they learn each other's names, where they learn things about each other, like their favorite colors, we like to talk about, and pets at home, and different things they like to do. Well, we do a Good Morning song every day, where we say good morning to each person in the class. We start all of our days off with that. For math, we make graphs on different things, like what are our favorite colors, what is our favorite thing to do at school, what's our favorite book, where we all learn things that we have in common with each other and different things like that.