

Fun Ways to Get to Know Our Students

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[TikTok](#)

[BlueSky](#)

[Instagram](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Carly will link the little tablet thingies here](#)

[Blog Post: Ice Breakers & The Affective Filter](#)

Emoji: Small Group Activity [with handouts](#) OR [whole group with this slide with stems/starters](#)

[Extension for content](#)

Learning & Pronouncing our [Names](#)

My [own OOPS moment](#)

[Acknowledging birthdays/special days](#)

Bad Day Directions

"No" card

Co-Constructing Bulletin Boards

[BLANK/EMPTY BOARD SIGNS](#)

[Hexagons](#): How are we all connected?

[Music Notes](#): Our Class Faves

[Clouds](#): What are we dreaming for 7th grade?

[Speech Bubbles](#): Our current favorite quotes

Unpopular Opinion

"Puppies aren't cute, they're annoying."

Class Playlists: Spotify/YouTube

Co-Constructed Interest Boards:

Who's a Gamer?!

Co-Constructed List of Class Brain Breaks

Indoor Recess How-To Game Day

Hexagonal Connections

[Hexagonal Thinking](#) Digital Activity with additional resources

Small printed hexagons for small groups

Gigantic ones for whole class/giant mural

BONUS: From our friend **Nicole Fitting!** THANK YOU!!!

Spanish World Language Teachers who teach using Acquisition Driven Instruction

[Hexagonal Thinking Resource](#)- Professora Bertha Degaldillo

[Brain Breaks- LaMaestraLoca](#)