



## Engage & Connect: 10+ Activities to Strengthen Teacher-Student Relationships All Year Long

2025 Good Teaching Conference (South)

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### Session Objective

**Today I will:** explore 10 + activities to help me **engage & connect** my students.

**So that I can:** establish & maintain a good impression to build **relational capacity** with my students.

**I'll know if I got it if:** I can **use or adapt** at least one of these activities this year.

| 10 Ways to Get to Know Your Students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Notes: |
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| <b>Get to Know Me Scavenger Hunt with Flippity.net</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Sample Intro Video</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Flippity.net</a></li><li>• David's Scavenger Hunt: <a href="https://bit.ly/MeetRivas21">bit.ly/MeetRivas21</a></li></ul>                       |        |
| <b>Padlet Intros</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inspired by <a href="#">Dr. Catlin Tucker's</a> 2018 <a href="#">blog post</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Our Temp Check</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Padlet.com</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Sample 1</a> &amp; <a href="#">Sample 2</a></li></ul>  |        |
| <b>Name Tents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Direction Slides</a></li><li>• Tee-Shirt <a href="#">Template</a>   <a href="#">Sample</a></li><li>• Vanity Plate <a href="#">Template</a></li><li>• Bento Box (<a href="#">tweet 1</a> &amp; <a href="#">tweet 2</a>)</li></ul> |        |
| <b>Animated Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Adobe Express for Education</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Tutorial Video</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Sample</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Ugly Sweater</a></li></ul>                                                           |        |
| <b>Snowball Fight Intros/ Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ready to go <a href="#">slide deck</a> with template, directions, and sample</li></ul>                                                                                                                                    |        |

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| <b>Exploding Box Intros</b><br><a href="#">Template 1</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Who is Telling the Truth?</b><br>A variation of two truths and a lie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Directions &amp; samples</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>[Making] Words with Friends</b><br>A variation of Scrabble & Words with Friends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Directions</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Digital Template</a></li> </ul>                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Google Slides Scavenger Hunt</b><br>( <a href="#">Dr. Catlin Tucker</a> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Template</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Sample</a> (made by a 5th grader)</li> </ul>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>16 Personalities Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test: <a href="#">16personalities.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">David's Personality</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reflection Activity 1</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Reflection Activity 2</a></li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>SMART Goal Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Template</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>All About Me Playlist</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Template &amp; Directions</a> (Force Copy)</li> <li>• <a href="#">30-Song Challenge</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Soundtrack of Your Life</a></li> </ul>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Mini Motivational Posters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Directions and Template</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">getemoji.com</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">emojipedia.org</a></li> </ul>                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>But wait... There's more!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Over 20 GTKY Activities from me → <a href="#">bit.ly/nice2meetu2</a><br><a href="#">Relationship Building From Day 1</a><br><a href="#">6 Ways to Get to Know Your Students</a> |

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