

A Plan to Welcome Students to the Classroom

Before school starts:

- I will send a letter home to both the parents and the student. In this letter I will introduce myself and share my excitement about starting a new school year.

On the first day of school:

- There will be a sign on the door with my name, grade and subject, so students know they are in the correct location.
- I will be at the door to welcome students to my classroom. I will shake their hands and hand them their journal. Also, I will tell them an assignment is on the board.
 - The student's name will be written on the journal already.
 - Each journal will have a colored shape sticker on it, and all the desks will have the same colored shape stickers. Students should sit at the desk that has the sticker that matches the sticker on their journal. This seat will be their assigned seat.
- After the last bell rings, I will enter the classroom. I should see all the students writing in their journal.
- The seating chart will be completed before the start of class since I wrote the student's name on their journal and I know what sticker they have to match. This will make taking attendance easier, and it is a way to tell students where to sit without actually telling them.
- After students complete the "at the bell" assignment (which will be a journal assignment about their likes and dislikes), I will ask for volunteers to share. After students have shared their responses, I will answer the question as well as a way for the class to get to know me. It is important to introduce myself, so the students get to know me better, and they feel I can relate to them.
- After we get to know each other, I will explain what we will be learning this year in my classroom. I will show them some of the novels we will be reading and themes that I hope to cover throughout the year.

Everyday:

- The sign with my name, grade and subject will be on the door everyday.
- I will be waiting to greet my students at the door, and I will hand them their journal.