Building Character and Trust

Technique: JOY FACTOR

Celebrate the work of learning using these five categories of Joy Factor activities.

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1. FUN AND GAMES
   HOW? Throw a spelling bee for presidents’ names!

2. US (AND THEM)
   HOW? Pick a nickname! Is it Mr. Taylor or Mr. T?

3. DRAMA, SONG AND DANCE
   HOW? Perform a skit about the planets!

4. HUMOR
   HOW? Tell a joke a day from the periodic table!

5. SUSPENSE AND SURPRISE
   HOW? Seal weekly vocab lists in an envelope!

*NOTE
Remember, the common theme of these categories is to inspire joy in your students to help them learn. The important part of inspiring joy in others is to channel your own personal joy and allow it to shine through in your teaching. Of course not all moments of classroom joy will be loud and boisterous, but when they are it is equally important that students learn how to manage joy in ways that are fun for everyone, by emphasizing respect.

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