

MORNING GREETING



Research shows that when teachers started class by welcoming students at the door, academic engagement increased by 20 percentage points and disruptive behavior decreased by nine.

1

Be Prepared

Have things ready for the day so you can greet students without distraction. Set up high-interest materials on tables or centers.

2

Establish Arrival Routines

Routines establish trust and a feeling of safety. A special handshake, morning job, poem, or drawing activity can set the tone for the day.

3

Pause and Connect

Take a few moments to allow students to decompress, shift gears, and connect. A big smile can communicate the warmth and respect they need for a fresh start.

