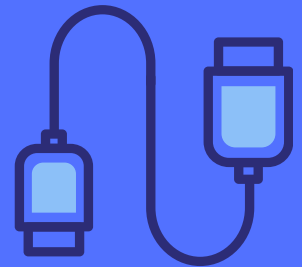




BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS:

Simple Ways to Connect With ELLs During Distance Learning



CREATE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

- Create a welcoming video introducing yourself to students.
 - Share the video with the entire class or in small groups.
- Encourage ELLs to share their language and culture with you.
 - Show-and-Tell is a great way for ELLs to show something representative of their culture.
 - Provide sentence starters when giving students the opportunity to share.

GET TO KNOW YOUR STUDENTS

- Learning about your ELL families' traditions will allow for relationship building.
- Encourage ELLs to share their "immigration stories" through the use of slide shows, comic strips, and animations.
- Ask a Question-of-the-Day, which students answer about themselves.
 - What do you like to do in your free time and what do you like about those activities? What is your favorite subject and why? What are your future goals?

PLAY GAMES VIRTUALLY

- Pictionary- give students a word and they have 1 minute to draw it.
- 10 Questions-give students a secret word and other students ask up to 10 yes/no questions to figure out what the secret word is.
- Charades- students act out phrases or vocabulary words and their teammates have to guess what the word is.
- Two Truths and A Lie-students write three sentences about themselves, two truths and one lie. Other students have to guess which sentence is not true.

CONFERENCE WITH STUDENTS

- Gives you the chance to know the students on a more personal level. This allows for a better approach to differentiated instruction.
- When students feel known on a deeper level, it increases trust. This, in turn, leads to a higher level of student self-efficacy.
- Make a weekly 10-minute conference call.
 - Review classwork
 - Check-in on their social-emotional lives

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARENTS

- By having more contact with parents, you will learn more about your students' needs and home environment.
- Connect with parents often to inform them of their child's progress and any class updates.
- Encourage parental feedback and build trust by listening and appreciating their thoughts and feelings.

