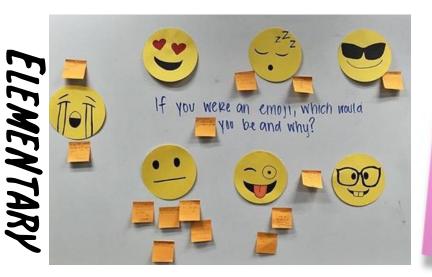


"My classes are working on group activities based on summer reading. Each table has a leader, writer, presenter, and cheerleader(s). After I checked with each to make sure all roles were assigned, I had the cheerleaders tell them "GOOD JOB!!" Now, they're working on the actual assignment, and I'll stop them a few times for the cheerleaders to "cheer" them again. The leader is to make sure everyone has a voice, allowed to express their opinion about the assignment, the writer records the ideas and formulates them, and the presenter will share with the class tomorrow!!!! They're LOVING this!!!"

~STEVEN JONES, CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER

## FAST TRACK RELATIONSHIP BUILDERS





## Ask a Question of the Week

To help build relationships with your students try asking open ended response questions like the following...

What do you like to do in your free time?

Who listens to you? What are 3 things you wouldn't give up for anything? What are you good at?

## MIDDLE

success stories to us!

## GET ORGANIZED

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ALTHOUGH GETTING ORGANIZED AND STAYING ORGANIZED IS NOT OFTEN THOUGHT OF AS A STRESS MANAGEMENT the Week



TECHNIQUE, THIS IS AN ACTIVITY THAT CAN REDUCE THE STRESS YOU FACE IN YOUR LIFE, AND CAN EVEN BE CALMING. (SEE HOW CLEANING CAN BE A STRESS RELIEVER IN ITSELF.) BY WORKING THROUGH THE CLUTTER OF YOUR LIFE, YOU CAN ELIMINATE THOSE ENERGY DRAINS THAT CAN MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE 'BEING PECKED TO DEATH BY DUCKS' AND RESERVE THAT ENERGY FOR DEALING WITH LIFE'S MORE IM-PORTANT CHALLENGES. READ MORE ON BEING ORGANIZED AND ELIMINATING EXTRA STRESS FROM YOUR LIFE.



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN! SEND AN EMAIL TO: OAICPOLK-FL.NET PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: DESCRIBE ONE TECHNIQUE YOU HAVE USED IN YOUR CLASSROOM TO ENGAGE STUDENTS.