

How to help kids make new friends at school

The start of a new school year is an exciting time that can be filled with lots of new things. There are new routines, new teachers, and new friends.



Since it can sometimes be hard to become friends with new classmates, we can help students by encouraging them to get to know one another better.

Here are a list of questions that can help students get to know one another better.

- What is your favorite subject in school?
- Who is your favorite cartoon character?
- If you could have a super power, what super power would you choose?
- Who is someone you consider a hero?
- Do you have any siblings?
- What is your favorite book?
- What is your favorite movie?
- What do you like to do for fun?
- What words would your friends use to describe you?
- What is your favorite food?
- Do you like any sports?
- Do you play any musical instruments?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- Do you have any pets?

If you're a parent, consider talking to your kids about who they could get to know better. Together, go through a few of

the questions that your student could ask other students. You can even think of your own questions to add to this list. Be sure to follow up and ask your student if they got to know any new classmates.

If you're an educator, students can interview each other using these questions to form connections with one another. Students can also pair off, holding a slip of paper with one question written upon it. Each student asks his or her partner the question on their slip of paper, then trade slips of paper, and then find a new partner. What other questions could you add to this list?

Good luck in the new school year!

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