Fostering Community & Establishing Routines

How will you get to know each other the first week of school?	
How will you mix it up when everyone gets comfortable?	
What will you do when a new student arrives and needs support navigating the system?	
What is one way you can connect with each student each day?	
How will you make certain you can stick with that routine?	
How will you create regular opportunities for students to share stories from their lives and demonstrate their own special talents?	
What are three things you want your students to know about you and your life?	1. 2. 3.
How will you communicate regularly with families?	
How will you have fun and laugh together every day?	

What are the three most important ground rules you want to establish? *Are your rules written in positive or negative language?*	1. 2. 3.
How will you include students in this decision-making process?	
What will happen when students fall short of expectations? What language will you use?	
Will your students know what to do when they first walk in every day? How will you teach and practice it?	
What is your process for students who aren't sure what the directions are?	
How will you ensure a balance of teacher lecture, student-teacher, and peer-peer interaction?	
How will you explicitly teach students to comment on another student's ideas and work in a safe, thoughtful way?	
How will you support students in learning to listen to each other?	