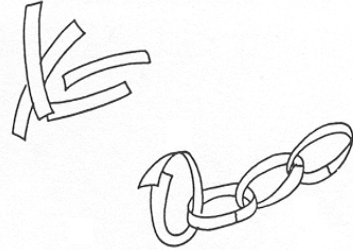


Classroom Memory Chain

This is a beginning of the year classroom activity that helps the students get to know each other.

Materials needed:

9" x 12" assorted construction paper
thin markers
scissors
stapler
laminator (optional)



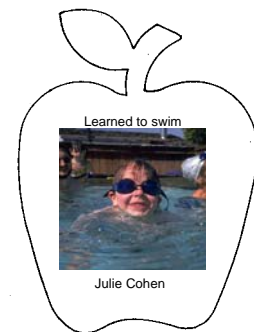
Procedure:

1. Cut construction paper into 1 1/2" x 9" strips.
2. Give each student 10 strips of paper and have them write their name and 10 things that happened in their life during the past year, (September - August) that they would like to remember. (Ex. Our family got a puppy in May. I went to Chicago.)
3. Optional: Laminate strips to help preserve the chain.
Trim laminate from the edge of the strips of construction paper.
4. Have each student share his/her memories with the class and then instruct students to staple or tape their strips together to form a chain.
5. Mount a small picture and student's name on a construction paper leaf/ star/apple cut-out and hang it on each student's section of the chain or make Paper Chain Apple Pictures (see project below).
6. Hook the chains together with additional strips of paper.
7. Hang the chain in the classroom and return chain sections to the students at the end of the school year.

Paper Chain Apple Pictures

Materials needed:

red construction paper
Apple/leaf/ Jewish star cut-outs
scissors
family pictures
glue sticks
yarn
hole punch



Procedure:

1. Make a few apples/leaves/Jewish stars for each child.
2. Student cuts out a picture of something they wrote on their strips that they want to remember (Ex. A picture of student swimming) or a close up picture of the student.
3. They glue their picture on a cut-out and put their name, date and title on their picture.
4. Laminate the cut-outs and trim 1/8" from the edge of the cut-outs.
5. Punch a hole in the cut-out and use yarn to tie the them to their section of chain.