Sharing Who You Are

Display some information about yourself. Post your diploma. Describe your personality, interests, and expectations graphically with maps or photos of places you’ve visited, favorite books and movies, posters, postcards, etc. Limit the display of personal items such as family photos or your own children’s artwork. The more your students know about your personality and interests, the more likely they are to respect you; however, the more they know about your personal life, the less likely they are to view you as their teacher.

As soon as possible, put something on a bulletin board from each student with the student’s name on it. Displaying something from every student makes each one feel like a part of the class. The more they know about one another, the more likely they are to identify with and respect one another as equals.