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**Question:**

How do I get to know my students at the beginning of the school year?

**Andie's Answer:**

Early career teachers get frantic with all of the “must do’s” at the beginning of each school year. A major concern is, “how do I get to know my students and how do I help students get acquainted with each other?” A great and entertaining way to do this is to interview 5 students each day in the front of your classroom. You can be Diane Sawyer for Good Morning America (or whoever) and do a man on the street interview. The students will begin to relate to you, and you will relate to each student. Students will also get to know each other in different ways than normal peer to peer interactions.

Get into this activity. Set the stage for your interviews and dress the part. You may want to use tall stools like Regis Philbin or more comfortable chairs. Have fun with this activity. As a follow up activity, you can have students write a description of the class in generalized terms.