Ideas to start the year

* Get them to write a letter to you about themselves - their likes, dislikes, family, what they are worried about, what they are looking forward to, what kind of learner they are etc etc etc. You will not only learn more about them but also a good indication of their writing ability- can they use paragraphs, different sentence lengths, grammar, spelling etc? It’s good if you tell them the letter is completely confidential. Frances Campbell, FB
* <https://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/icebreakers_for_kids.shtml>
* <https://blog.teacherspayteachers.com/back-to-school-activity-calendar-downloadable>
* On 1st day of school ask students to imagine it’s the last day of school & write on “Why being in this class was the best ever?” They will tell you many useful things about what works for them.
* <https://bigredscience.com/f/low-pressure-icebreakers-for-the-science-classroom>