

Team Building

Levels and Variables

Safety First

- 100% success at Level 1
- All included at some level
- Allows for teacher to observe participation
- Easy to model
- Trust Building
- First four minutes of contact (Zunin)

Interaction with Peers

- Safe contact (handshakes)
- Read or ask questions, record data
- Face to face – briefly
- Surprise has a role to play (Moulton)
- Learn names (Purkey)
- Venn Diagram or People Search
- Celebrate similarities and differences

Energy!

- Use bodily-kinesthetic
- Introduce a lesson
- Music
- Breathing and Brain Gym strategies
- Note how often people need to move
- Use a timer!

Laughter is the best.....

- Major part of rapport is humor
- Show that you have a sense of humor early
- Encourage laughter
- Builds ambiance
- Assist creativity

Curiosity is the single most important characteristic of an active, vigorous mind. Samuel Johnson

- Increase the level of difficulty and trust
- Use Bodily-Kinesthetic
- Coordinate with content
- Provides opportunities for risk

Feedback

- Positive
- Respectful
- Attentive
- Brief
- Periodic throughout the semester

On going role...

- Before or after a holiday
- After conflict occurs in class
 - To deepen the class bond
 - To say “good-bye”

One Goal

**"Compassionate teachers fill a void left by working parents who aren't able to devote enough attention to their children. Teachers don't just teach; they can be vital personalities who help young people to mature, to understand the world and to understand themselves. A good education consists of much more than useful facts and marketable skills."
--Charles Platt**