**Name Toss**: On a 5” x 8” note card, ask everyone to write one word that begins with the first letter of their first name that reflects something about them (i.e. Carol= creative). In a circle ask everyone to say their name, the word, and the connection they have to the word.

**Finding Out About Who We Are**

* Create an interview sheet, have students find a partner, and choose a question that interests both of them.
* Have them interview each other and jot down their partner's name and something you want to remember that their partner said.
* HAVE THEM SHARE WHAT THEY LEARNED
* Use the following questions:

Describe your family.

What is something funny, weird, unusual, or special about one person in your family?

What's one place you would like to visit in your lifetime? Why do you want to go there?

What's your favorite TV show and why do you like to watch this show?

If you had to eat the same meal everyday for a month, what would it be?

What's one thing you would like to change about your neighborhood that would make it a better place to live?

What worries you the most about the world you live in today?

Name one thing you could teach someone else how to make or how to do?

What's your favorite holiday of the year? What makes this holiday your favorite?

What's one thing that you would like to change about your school that would make it a better place for you?

**TP Surprise**

The teacher welcomes students at the door while holding a roll of toilet paper. They instruct students to take as many sheets as they need refusing to explain the purpose. Once class begins, students are instructed to write one interesting thing about themselves on each sheet. When students are finished, they introduce themselves by reading their TP.Variation: Students write one thing they hope or expect to learn in the course this year on each sheet.