

## **"Do Now" Activities & Start of Class Routines**

**Threshold:** Meeting the students at the door and setting or reinforcing positive expectations before they even enter the room. Build a positive culture by greeting students by name and create a personal connection. It is also a great way to practice real life Spanish conversation skills and greetings. You are able to control the flow- how quickly they enter and exit the Spanish classroom.

**Do Now Activity:** Pre-planned activity on the board or handed out for students to complete upon entering the classroom is an excellent way to get students engaged in Spanish class immediately. There are several ways in which to conduct this activity with your students.

- Use Whiteboard or Smart Board/projector to have review questions waiting for students when they enter the classroom.
- Have short half page questions printed for students to take as they enter and complete at the start of class.

**Sample "Do Now" Activities:** (using "Family" as a model)

- **Short Answer Questions: (5-10 questions)**
  1. La mamá de mi mamá es mi \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. El hermano de mi padre es mi \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. La hija de mi tía es mi \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. El nieto de mi abuelo es mi \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. El esposo de mi tía es mi \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Open-ended questions:**  
\*Describe your family relationships using five or more sentences.
- **Questions/Answers: (3-5 questions)**
  1. ¿Cómo se llama tu tía?
  2. ¿Cómo es tu madre?
  3. ¿Cuántos años tiene tu hermano/a?
- **Translations: (5-8 sentences)**  
Mi familia es muy grande. Yo tengo cinco hermanos y seis primas. (Spanish to English if material is new)  
My dad is forty-three years old and my mom is tall. (English to Spanish if material is review)

**Start of Class Routines:** This is a great way to incorporate consistent review to build on their skills each week. Showing calendar visuals and discussing the day of the week, month of the year, season, weather, etc. in Spanish builds on those vocabulary skills.

- Add a fun greetings, months/days, or weather song or song video from Youtube!
- Pass a ball or maraca to practice conversation skills or review topics of instruction with questions and answers for 3-5 minutes.