TIPS FOR BUILDING RAPPORT ONLINE

1. Look for ways to bring the flavor of your physical classroom online.
   Do you have inside jokes, certain phrases you use or special activities that are special to you and your students? Carry them over so it feels familiar.

2. Share information about students among teachers.
   How are students doing during the transition to online? Share as a peer group and offer support where needed.

3. Relating warmly to the camera.
   Just be yourself. The camera is the pathway to your students. Have them use their webcams, look at them when they are speaking and be genuine.

4. Engaging students in encouraging each other.
   Especially for younger learners, this may be their first time in an online classroom. Model positive reinforcement and reward the behavior in public chat and other public forums in their online learning environment. This is not social media, and students need help in creating a safe space for each other. Just like in the physical classroom.

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