

CLASS COMPLIMENTS

The teacher should begin by giving each student in the class a verbal compliment as a way of re-introducing the students to each other. On the sheet of paper with squares on it, write a student's name in each line, then make enough copies for each student to have an entire sheet. During the week, have each student write one positive thing about each of the other students on their respective line. The sheets should then be turned in to the teacher. The teacher should cut the sheets apart and give each student comments written about him/her by the other class members. Explain that some students may not have written anything about others because they do not know them well enough to write anything. (This also allows time for the teacher to censor any inappropriate comments.)

You may wish to cut the compliments apart and place them in a small envelope for each student along with a small candy bar and sealed with a sticker. Pass the envelopes out at the end of class. This will stop the students from comparing their compliments (what kind and how many) with each other.

(An excellent resource to use with this activity is found in Reader's Digest, "All the Good Things," 1991, October, Sister Helen P. Mroska, pages 49-52)