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# Back to School Set

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## Back to School Get to Know You Games

*4 Great Games Kids Love!*

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### *Uncommon Commonalities*

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1. Students form a large circle - arms length apart.
2. The first person says, "I have brown hair."
3. That is the cue for all the students with brown hair to skip across the center of the circle to the other side.
4. The caller picks the next caller who makes a true statement. The caller should think of fun things to call. I.e "This summer we went to Hawaii." That is the cue for anyone else who went to Hawaii to skip across the circle.
5. Game continues. After a few minutes of playing , you may want to encourage children to name activities that they think are unique to them.
6. Everyone wins. Encourage participation in this get-to-know-you game.



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### *Name Bingo*

**No Equipment Needed & No Prep  
Bingo Sheet Included**

1. Pass out the Name Bingo paper to each student.
2. The object is to be the first person to complete the bingo sheet.
3. Explain that students must find someone that fits the description written in a box.
4. Have that person sign their name in the box.
5. Each person can sign only one box on each person's paper.
6. All boxes should be filled with different names.
7. First person to fill in all boxes on the Bingo paper wins.





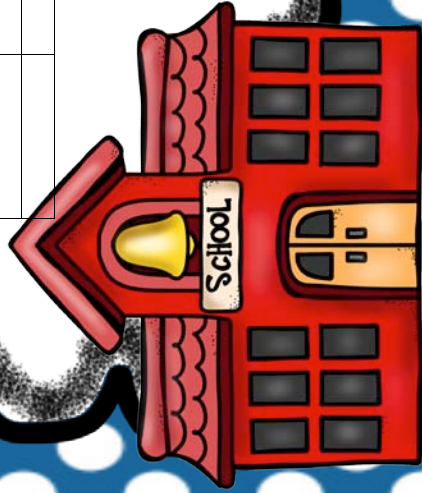
## Back to School Bingo

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Find people that fit the statement in the boxes below.  
Have that person sign their name in the box.

Fill in all the boxes with different names. Each person can only sign one box.

I've been to another state	I have a dog.	I have a cat.	I play a musical instrument.	I've been to the hospital.
I have at least one sister.	I have at least one brother.	I have a friend named Sophia.	I know someone named Aiden.	I've been to a museum.
I've been to the beach or a lake.	I've attended a sports game. (any sport)	I don't like ice cream.	I love to read.	I love to play video games.
I have two or more siblings.	I can swim.	Find someone new you haven't met before.	Now thank three people that gave you an answer.	Say something nice to someone not on this paper yet.



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*“Never have I ever”*

### No Equipment Needed & No Prep

1. Form a large circle arms length apart.
2. All players have 5 fingers to begin with. (Or 4 fingers and their thumb).
3. The first person starts and says, “Never have I ever \_\_\_\_\_,” and fills in the blank.
4. For example, if the student says, “Never have I ever rode a horse,” then everyone who has must put a finger down.
5. The game continues and the person on the right is next. He says, “Never have I ever \_\_\_\_\_.” The student calling an activity is trying to say things that he hasn't done and that others have in order to stay in the game and get others out.
6. Game continues. After a couple of kids run out of fingers start the game over again with everyone in.
7. Everyone wins. Just encourage participation in this get-to-know-you game.



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*I'll stand by you*

### No Equipment Needed & No Prep

1. Make 2 lines down the center of the room. (You can use a chair and students stand on right or left of the chair facing the other line.)
2. Read the attached list of statements.
3. The left line is "like" and the right line is for "dislike".
4. Read a statement and students stand on the side of the line that represents their likes or dislikes.
5. This is a fun game without winners. Students get to know each other and their "likes" and "dislikes" a little better.





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*I'll stand by you*

### List of Statements

You like to read.

You like summer.

You like dogs better than cats.

You like video games better than T.V.

You like hot dogs better than hamburgers.

You like movies better than going to the park.

You like popcorn better than candy.

You like animals better than people.

You like Taylor Swift better than Justin Bieber.

You like sports better than video games.

You like fast food better than restaurant food.

You like handball better than 4 square.

You like playing basketball better than drawing pictures.

You like skateboarding better than skating.

You like Halloween better than Christmas.

You like playing in the snow better than playing at the beach.



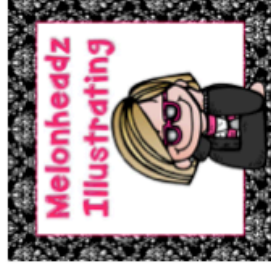


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