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Hey, amazing teachers! Buckle up for a brand-new school year! To jazz things up, we're diving into a super fun team trivia showdown. This isn't your average quiz—it's packed with mind-bending puzzles to entertain the students, spark some laughs, and strengthen those bonds. Round up your squads, prep those brains, and let the quest for trivia greatness kick off!

Benefits of Trivia

Trivia, like a cool breeze on a hot day, spices up the classroom atmosphere. But hey, it's not just any game - it's a powerhouse of fun and learning! Here's why teachers are buzzing about trivia:

Fuel Teamwork: Trivia ignites the teamwork spirit like a firework show in the classroom.

Sharpen those thinking caps: Dive into the world of trivia for a brain workout that will challenge your students to put on their thinking caps and team up to crack the code together.

Boost their swagger: A pat on the back for a correct answer goes a long way in boosting students' confidence in themselves and their classmates.

Create a vibe: Let the fun and games of trivia infuse your classroom with a sense of togetherness and a sprinkle of competitive spirit, transforming it into an educational wonderland.

Play fair, play nice: Encourage good sportsmanship among your students through trivia games.

Tailor-made fun: Craft your very own trivia extravaganza to suit your class's needs, covering topics they're learning and questions that will keep them on their toes.

Breaking the Ice

We've shared why trivia is a fantastic tool for your back-to-school toolkit. Now, let's break the ice with a lively and engaging activity!

Emoji Icebreaker Time!

- **Form a Circle:** Gather your students into a circle.
- **Introduce with a Twist:** Each student will introduce themselves with their name and something they enjoy, paired with an emoji like action. For example, "Hi, I'm Sarah, and I love skiing!" (Sarah pretends to ski.)
- **Repeat and Add On:** The next student repeats the previous student's introduction and then shares their own. For example, "This is Sarah, and she loves skiing" (pretends to ski). "I'm Ethan, and I love drawing comics!" (pretends to draw).
- **Keep the Fun Rolling:** Each new student repeats all the previous introductions and adds their own. For example, "This is Sarah, and she loves skiing" (pretends to ski). "This is Ethan, and he loves drawing comics" (pretends to draw). "I'm Kerri, and I love knitting!" (pretends to knit).
- **Continue Around the Circle:** Keep going until everyone has had a turn.

This playful activity not only helps students remember each other's names but also sets a positive and energetic tone for the rest of the school year!



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Materials

To do this activity, you will need:

- A computer and a projector, smart board or tv
- A white board or black board to keep track of scores
- Your Trivia game (You can download your trivia PowerPoint from the links below that we have created for you):

High School - Summer Madness

Middle School - Heads in the Clouds

Elementary School - Its a zoo out there

- Prizes - Use rewards to congratulate your winners
- Hat or bowl to pick out random team members
- Pieces of paper: These pieces of paper will have each student's name on them and placed in your hat or bowl
- Answer cards - you can find a copy of the answer cards enclosed in this lesson These cards will be used by each team to submit their answers

Instructions

- Make sure all materials are prepared in advance, prior to the activity.
- Instruct students to take their seats and announce that they will participate in a trivia game in teams of 3-5.
- Ask them to write their names on a piece of paper and place them in a hat or bowl. Inform them that teams will be randomly selected by drawing names.
- Once all students have deposited their papers, draw each one and announce the names.
 - After calling out a name, ask the student to sit in a designated area and wait for their teammates.
- Once all names are drawn and teams are established, provide each team with answer cards and a pencil.
- Encourage each team to create a team name, write their answer on the card, and submit it before the time runs out.
- Introduce your Trivia PowerPoint presentation, which can be accessed through the lesson link.
- Proceed to explain the game rules to the class.
- Start the trivia game once you have briefed everyone on the rules. Keep in mind that each question will be timed to signal when the time is over.
- Following the PowerPoint presentation, calculate the points and announce the game's victor. The winning team will be rewarded with a prize of your selection.
 - You have the option to select second and third place winners as well.

WANT MORE?

extension activities

Want to Spice it Up?

- Spice up your Trivia game with toe-tapping tunes! Each song can be a hint or a fun way to signal time's up.
- Get creative with prizes that are one-of-a-kind.
- Turn it into a highlight of your Family Night or Open House event!

TRIVIA POWERPOINT LINKS:

[IT'S A ZOO OUT THERE \(ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\)](#)

[HEAD IN THE CLOUDS TRIVIA \(MIDDLE SCHOOL\)](#)

[SUMMER MADNESS \(HIGHSCHOOL\)](#)



TEAM NAME _____

ROUND _____

ANSWER _____

DIRECTIONS: CIRCLE THE ANSWER YOU THINK IS RIGHT



BONUS: _____

TEAM NAME _____

ROUND _____

ANSWER _____

DIRECTIONS: CIRCLE THE ANSWER YOU THINK IS RIGHT



BONUS: _____