



7 Tips for Building Community During Distance Learning

Distance learning is changing the face of teaching. Classrooms are being replaced by laptops and hugs by emojis! However, one thing that computer-based learning has not changed is teachers' and students' desire to develop strong relationships. Use these tips, developed by educational leader Dr. Lee Wright, to build classroom community – even from a distance!

1 Use a My Wishes Activity:

Have students write or draw their wish for the school year and share it with the class.

2 Send Digital Sunshine Greetings:

Everyone likes a little sunshine! Chat or email a handful of students every day with a warm greeting.

3 Encourage Watch Us and Learn Presentations:

Have students teach their peers about a special skill or hobby vlog-style!



4 Create I.T. Buddies:

Going digital can be hard if you're unfamiliar with the tools. Make it easy for students to support each other by assigning partners who help with tech issues.

5 Send This Certifies Your Greatness Validations:

Create and send online student certificates at the end of large segments of learning. Smiles guaranteed!

6 Use Fun Friday Online Group Games:

Provide your students with 3-5 end-of-the-week online games. Poll the class to see which game you'll play to end your week!

7 Wrap up with Amigos Accolades:

Encourage students to post short chat messages about something or someone from the day's virtual learning that they're grateful for.



Contact a [Savvas Account Representative](#) for your free copy of Dr. Lee Wright's new eBook, *Building Rapport via Distance Learning*, for even more ideas on building community.