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Hello Teachers,

In this newsletter we will spotlight an engagement strategy that will help build your students collaboration skills, an instructional strategy for closure of lesson, and ways to take care of yourself.

Engagement Strategy - Looking for a quick, easy and fun engagement strategy that can be used to increase student conversation? Try this 60 second “transverse” activity today! Transverse is a “tool” for facilitating talk to support students in finding their “voice” while also justifying their responses. Check out the video [here](https://www.edutopia.org/video/60-second-strategy-traverse-talk) or type in the link:

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Why emphasize on the Closure of lesson?



Asking “Are there any questions?” at the end of a lesson and receiving no response has been a well intended method for closing a lesson. However, just like writing a 5 paragraph essay, our conclusion is a space to clarify important points and provide our students with insight on what we want them to leave the lesson with. Closure is also an important time to check if students were left with any misconceptions and provide immediate clarifications or drive the next day’s lesson based this. Now, we do not need to go beyond our already strained planning time to make this procedure happen; closure can take form in many simple ways. The following PDF has listed several ideas for closures [Closure Activities](#). To involve parents, the 1 minute commercial script answering “What did you learn in ...?” is a fun one to try!

How are YOU doing?



The First step in helping maintain your wellness is knowing where you are. Teaching can be a challenging & rewarding profession and there are [phases](#) that teachers experience throughout the school year. One crucial element to maintaining wellness is self care. Once you know what phase you are in of the year, then you can plan for how to care for yourself to get through the year. Attached is a list of [activities](#) and a few tips on self care. “Nourishing yourself in a way that helps you blossom in the direction you want to go is attainable, and you are worth the effort.” ~Deborah Day