

## Standard 1-Reflection

**Educators value and care for students and act in their best interests**

### **Art Collage-Introducing myself to students**

Sometimes the most important action a teacher can do, is reveal something personal about her life. This collage has been used as a starting point to build relationships in the classroom. This collage has been shown to the class to introduce myself. It shows that I have a variety of interests and allows students to make connections with what they do in their own life.

The second step is to get students to make their own collage so that they can share their interests in a less intimidating way. Essentially it is like an interview. The art project allows the teacher to interact with students to gain more insight in their lives and at the end of the project students become more confident about their interests when the work is displayed.

Building relationships with students allows teachers to gain a better understanding of student' backgrounds. A collage of pictures is an unthreatening medium. Once a connection is made and dialoge is exchanged, a teacher can develop lesson plans that students will get excited about. A teacher can suggest inquiry projects that fit student interests.

Included below are paintings that I created and are something that I want to share with myclassroom one day.



