Building a Belonging Classroom

Tips and Ideas	Space for Brainstorm
Embed what you have learned about students' interests and hobbies (for example, through forms and surveys) into your lessons and instructional activities.	
Create opportunities for students to participate asynchronously. Not all students will be able to attend live instruction due to circumstances out of their control (limited technology access, familial obligations, some students may have jobs).	
Dedicate some time for nonacademic social and emotional learning (SEL) check-ins. Allow students to share their voices and personalities without the risk of compromising their grades.	
Provide opportunities for students to read and write about their experiences, without a grade attached to it.	
Allow students to collaborate to solve a problem of their choosing. They will be able to build connections based on similar interests and hobbies.	

Give students opportunities to share and celebrate their successes with one another.	