

3 Ways to Remember Students' Names

1. Nametags! Nametags help everyone learn names and are a temporary tool. Teach students to wear their nametag on their left shoulder so if shaking hands, the person who is shaking their hand can gracefully look at their shoulder to see the name on the tag. If its allowed, take photos of students with their nametags and study the name with the face.

Bonus: Younger students get extra practice writing their names on their name tags!

2. Begin each school day by meeting students at the door and greeting them by name. When you don't remember, ask them. Keep in mind, there is only one of you and many of them, learning names takes time and practice.

Bonus: Create a special handshake with each student! Watch this video for inspiration.

3. Ask students to complete small assignments they turn-in at the beginning of the year. This provides the opportunity to hand back the assignments and to say their name with each paper you return.

Bonus: As you learn student names, make up a rhyme or visual in your memory to assist you in remembering!