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Opening Activities (10-15 minutes)

Option 1: Have students fold a piece of paper into three columns for a triangular name card. On the side of the card facing the room, the student will write their name; on the other side of the card, the student will write a secret superpower they wish they could have. Facilitators will do the same.

Option 2: Go around the group and have everyone say their name, the color that best describes their emotions today, and their favorite color.

Option 3: Gather in a circle. Say your name and then something that rhymes with your name. If you can't think of anything, make up a word, or rhyme two different words. For example, my name is Bryce, and I like ice (real word) or, alternatively, my name is Omar and I look like dromar (made up word).

Option 4: Play the run-on story game. One facilitator begins a story that starts with "Once, a long time ago..." The facilitator then calls on each student one by one to add one sentence to the story. Another facilitator will write the story on the board.