

Inferring

Activity: Me Tubs

Purpose: To introduce inferring. This is a great activity for the first day of school. You introduce inferring and yourself to your students!

1. Teacher creates a *Me Tub*. Inside the *Me Tub* are items that tell the students something about the teacher. Ideas might include: cookbook, family photo, lifejacket, baseball, dog treats, knitting needles & chocolate kisses. Dog treats might suggest that the teacher has a dog at home and after seeing the chocolate kisses; students might be able to infer that the teacher loves chocolate!
2. Teacher removes something from the *Me Tub* and explains to the students that the item is a clue that tells something about him/her and if they think and search their brain, they can infer something about the teacher.
3. Students infer things about their teacher. Let students ask questions as items are talked about.
4. Teacher asks students what they might put in a *Me Tub* if they wanted their classmates to infer something about them.
5. Assign *Me Tubs* as homework.
6. Allow students time to share their *Me Tubs* with their classmates. Enjoy getting to know your students even better!

