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Stamp Of Approval Stamps

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Directions:

These make a great icebreaker for the first week of school and a terrific way to get to know your students.

Send a copy in your Welcome to School - Summer Letter, or tuck them in your Open House packet, so that they can be completed ahead of time, and then shared on the first day of school.

You can also show your example on the first day, so that your students can learn a little bit about you, and then send the stamps home as an assignment for that first day.

How to fill in a stamp:

Students can write, type (using a funky font), or cut out letters (like a ransom note), or use stickers to make their name.

This goes on the wavy line portion of the cancelled stamp, in the top left-hand corner.

The PLACE where they were born, goes around the top of the circle.

The YEAR they were born, goes on the bottom-middle of the circle.

The MONTH and DAY they were born, goes in the center of the circle.

Months should be abbreviated, unless they are 4 or less letters long.

Places and dates appear on real cancelled stamps; making it personal, makes this assignment more relevant and fun!

Students draw a self-portrait of themselves. (Just a headshot) This needs to be colored. Hair and eye color etc. need to be appropriate, so students can possibly guess whose picture belongs to whom, if the teacher wants to add that activity before the "real" student comes up to share.

Students write or cut out at least 3 words that describe them. These should be scattered around on their stamp.

Students need to think of their favorite things to do, their hobbies, or sports or "stuff" they are involved in, or possibly what they want to be when they grow up. Basically, anything that represents them or will help us get to know them.

After they have thought up their "list" they need to find pictures, clip art, or stickers of those things and glue them around their self-portrait.

Students share their stamp with their classmates. Everyone claps for each person.

Hang them in the hallway or on a b. board, along with the "Stamp of approval star student" poster.

To add some 3D effects, suspend some glittery stars of various sizes, from fish line, just above the board, at various lengths.



THIS YEAR'S SUPER STAR STUDENTS!



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