

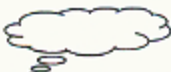

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All Ages!

How can I encourage my students to share their comments? What will make them feel proud of the insightful comments they share?

As I was reading the "Potent Quotables" section out of a copy of Reader's Digest, it occurred to me that I can do the same thing with students' comments!



Writing down a comment a student makes during a discussion does a number of positive things. It recognizes and validates the student who shared a bit of insight and it encourages other students to do the same.

You can use thought bubbles  or quote bubbles . Laminate the blank shapes and then use transparency pens. You will be able to wipe off and use them over and over.

Make a bulletin board at the start of the year with a picture of each student. You can have a "question of the day" and each student will write their response in their own thought bubble or you can use the board as a generic space. During classroom discussions, if a student brings up a new or insightful point, stop and tell the student on the spot, "That was remarkable! Please write that down on a quote bubble because we want to remember your statement."

