Establishing Routines for Turn and Talk

Say... "We will be using a thinking strategy called "Turn and Talk" throughout the year. When I ask you to Turn and Talk to your neighbor, I need you to sit knee to knee and face each other. You will share an idea based on a question or topic that I assign you to discuss."

Model: With a student show how you want them to sit (knee to knee; face to face).

Practice: "With your partner, discuss why it is important to listen to your partner."

Reflect: Why is it important to listen to your partner? Share responses as well as appropriate noise level expectations. Practice: Share with your partner a memory you have with your family.

Reflect and Close: While the students are sharing, listen. At the close, say "I heard ________ 's story about his/her family. Would you like to share it with the group?" Then practice dismissing and returning to seats with your chime or bell signal.