



TIPS FOR NEW TEACHERS

From teachers who just finished their first year:

Memorize students' name right away
Establish clear, high expectations for students' academic performance and behavior
Use a nurturing, yet firm approach
Prepare for classes and then prepare some more
Put the plans on the board – over plan!
Five minutes of unorganized time can lead to chaos
Teach the kids, not just the lesson
Classroom management strategies can be summarized in one word: respect
Keep rules simple: live up to the same rules as you set up for students
Stay cool under fire. Criticism can be turned to an advantage
Use innovations in teaching, technology, and rewards
Make friends with the custodial staff-you'll need them
Reach out to the parents and form relationship before problems begin
Get to know your students by taking part in an extra-curricular activity
Take care of yourself physically and spiritually
Don't forget, you're only human!
Develop a good relationship with the administration
Get to know another side of the kids
Learn to laugh at yourself
Expose yourself as being human and being real
Keep a written list of what needs to be changed for next year
Teaching is not a popularity contest

From Veteran Teachers:

Be consistent- do what you say you're going to do at all times with every child
Model a love for learning
Maintain a sense of humor
Offer a variety of interesting choices for activities when students finish work
Keep an open door to parents
Reward and praise students
Maintain respect above all
Learn the names of your students quickly and correctly
Don't be sarcastic to children or correct them in ways to cause embarrassment
Know the frustrations before you begin and learn to adjust to them: limited budget and resources, parents who may not be involved, the diversity of student achievement, bureaucracy, lots of paperwork, not enough time, and mandated tests taking time away from instruction.