



## 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.