Designing Your Classroom for Success

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The educator will....

Explore topics that will help you design your classroom for student engagement and learning success!
Introductions

- Krista Scott
- Mom of 6
- Wife to middle school science teacher
- 14 years as an educator
- Passion for education
I’m cool because.......
Getting to Know Your Students

1st Day – Break the Ice!
- I’m cool because……
- Get to Know You BINGO
- Skit-tell Us (from Scholastic)

1st Day – Take Inventory
- All About You
- PRO TIP: Review/Store Data

Ongoing – Digging Deeper
- Personalize assignments
- Ask questions
Relationship Building

They may forget what you said — but they will never forget how you made them feel.

—Carl W. Buehner

No Significant Learning Occurs Without a Significant Relationship

Dr. James Comer

We are not decorating learning spaces.

We are designing them to amplify learning.

The Space Guide for Educators
by Rebecca Louise Hare and Dr. Robert Dillon
Classroom Design

Layout
- Design vs Functionality
- Assessments vs Collaboration
- Noise vs Quiet

Décor
- Color
- Design
- Learning Spaces

Space
- Teacher vs Student
- Time to Think vs Time to Breathe

Check out Classroom Architect at http://classroom.4teachers.org/
Procedures

Plan Ahead

Start Immediately!

Practice

Fail/Reflect

Try Again!

Steps for Teaching Procedures

1. Explain
2. Rehearse
3. Reinforce

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What will push you over the edge on day 99?
Student achievement at the end of the year is directly related to the degree to which a teacher establishes good control of the classroom procedures in the very first week of the school year.

Harry Wong
The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher

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Rules

Be Positive  
(Wording Counts)

Be Direct  
(Say Exactly What You Mean)

Be Realistic  
(Number Matters)
Expectations

All kids can learn! Students will rise to meet your expectations.

Belief in yourself + Belief in your students = SUCCESS
WHEN YOU ENTER THIS CLASSROOM...

You are **AMAZING**
You are **important**
You are **leaders**
You are **explorers**
You are **scientists**
You are **mathematicians**
You are **creative**
You are **friends**
You are **unique**
You are **authors**
You are **readers**
You are **loved**
You are...

THE REASON WE ARE HERE!

Mission: All students will graduate prepared and ready for college or career.

Safe and Included

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Don’t underestimate the power of YOU!
The Teacher Next Door
(or down the hall, or around the corner…)

You can’t do it alone….

You don’t know everything….

The teacher’s lounge can kill your career….
Substitutes

Emergency Folder
  • If your school doesn’t require one, make one!

Sub Plans
  • Lesson expectations
  • Early finishers
  • Students that can be trusted
  • Teacher Savior
  • How to contact the office

Being out is hard work, but being a sub is hard work too. Plan ahead to keep students learning!
Have Fun!

When the days get long and the weeks get hard, remember….

Why are you a teacher?

Why did you choose to work with kids?

What inspires you to be a good teacher?
Taking Care of You!

You can't pour from an empty cup. Take care of yourself.

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