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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Elementary Edition

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 "Discipline is the refining fire by which talent becomes ability." —*Roy L. Smith*	**2** Collect birthday dates of your parent volunteers. Have your class send them cards.	**3** Start the habit of reading aloud to your class for a few minutes each day.	**4** Have students create flash cards to review math facts.	**5** Ask parents to write an encouraging note to their child following a parent conference.	**6** Get in the habit of planning ahead. The unexpected can—and usually does—happen!
7 It's Computer Learning Month. Visit a new teacher website.	**8** It's Metric Week. Have students bring in metric items for a display or bulletin board.	**9** Have students create their own glossary of metric terms.	**10** Celebrate Metric Day (10/10) by doing all measurement in metric units.	**11** Create a Metric Measurement Hunt. Find things that are 45 cm., 1.5 m., etc.	**12** Have students create a poster showing the importance of the metric system.	**13** Check out *www.nationalgeographic.com* for free online maps.
14 Collect a few items for a "survival drawer"—energy bars, a favorite tea or coffee.	**15** Bring in several pumpkins for students to weigh and measure. Graph their findings.	**16** Include a "Coming Up" section in each issue of your newsletter. Include big projects and tests.	**17** Keep a first aid kit where you can get to it quickly.	**18** Find interesting things to graph—favorite lunch, favorite book, favorite movie.	**19** Keep an index card handy for jotting down quick notes if a student starts to misbehave.	**20** Get in the habit of daily quiet time—even 10 minutes a day.
21 Write down a fitness goal—*and* a plan for reaching it.	**22** Colored cereal makes a great math manipulative. Students can eat the results, too!	**23** Spend a few minutes cleaning off a "hot spot" where clutter collects in your room.	**24** Teach your students safety procedures so they will know what to do in an emergency.	**25** Collect data: Find the class average shoe size, family size or height (*not* weight).	**26** Large assignments can be overwhelming. Break assignments into small chunks.	**27** Plan at least one day this weekend when you won't do school work.
28 Cut out a newspaper headline to bring in tomorrow. Ask students to write details that may be in the story.	**29** Assign each student an important event in history and have them form a human timeline.	**30** Have students dress as characters in their books when they give book reports.	**31** "It's kinda fun to do the impossible." —*Walt Disney*	**October 2007**		

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