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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Elementary Edition

GCS Right Start
Induction and Success

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2007				**1** "Your heart is slightly bigger ... because you're a teacher." —*Aaron Bacall*	**2** Plan special events for your 100th day of school.	**3** Add some links to your class website —the local library, a fact of the day.
4 Schedule a regular time to clean out your car, your briefcase and your desk.	**5** For Heart Month, challenge students to add activity to their daily lives.	**6** Use a plastic tablecloth as a quick way to cover a bulletin board.	**7** Assign students to read aloud to someone at home—a family member or friend.	**8** Send home clear rules for distributing valentines—does everyone give to everyone else in the class?	**9** Do you have papers to grade during your planning time? Post a "Do Not Disturb" sign.	**10** Take time to exercise today.
11 Spend 15 minutes tonight getting organized for tomorrow morning.	**12** Boost class self-esteem. Have students write a list of their good qualities.	**13** After one student reads aloud, have another student retell the content.	**14** Give yourself a valentine—indulge in a favorite treat today.	**15** Follow through. If you say you're going to do it, then do it!	**16** Try a nonfiction story or book to motivate a reluctant reader.	**17** Shop for (or make) a nutritious snack to take to school next week.
18 Remember the big picture. What will your students need to know in 10 years?	**19** Delegate. Never do anything in your classroom that you think a student might enjoy doing.	**20** Review social skills with students—accepting "no" for an answer, waiting your turn, etc.	**21** Ask parents to set limits on their children's "screen time"—TVs, video games and computers.	**22** After a stressful day, close the door and take a few deep breaths.	**23** Routines make classes run more smoothly. Review your class routines.	**24** Pay someone a compliment today.
25 Listen to a favorite piece of music.	**26** Help students develop strategies for testing success.	**27** Find ways to recognize acts of kindness in your classroom.	**28** "Fall down seven times, stand up eight times." —*Japanese proverb*			

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