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Tips for Teachers Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 "Become the lesson you would teach." —*Leonard Roy Frank*	**2** Never ignore aggressive behavior. Left alone, it may get worse.	**3** Learn the meanings of the slang terms your students use.	**4** Find an exercise buddy—you'll both stay more motivated.
5 Stay healthy this winter. Make an appointment this month for a flu shot.	**6** Attach silk flowers to the pencils you lend to students. You'll get them back!	**7** Remember: Long-term goals make it easier to deal with short-term setbacks.	**8** Review key points with a "one-minute paper"—a short answer to a single question.	**9** Change activities every 15 to 20 minutes to keep student interest from flagging.	**10** Don't insert yourself between students who are fighting. Get help.	**11** Make a list of some small rewards for yourself. Try one when you're feeling stressed.
12 Find a great new website. Bookmark it so you can visit again.	**13** Avoid classroom disruptions from late arrivals. Place a seat by the door where latecomers can wait.	**14** Build interest for your next class. Read a quote or pose a question for students to ponder.	**15** Let students use email to exchange ideas on the topic of your next class.	**16** Write two quotes on the board. Ask students to find a relationship between them.	**17** Share your grading rubrics with parents before an assignment is due.	**18** How's the balance in your life? Take time to do something not related to teaching.
19 Exercise. Your physical health affects your mental awareness.	**20** Ask students to write down anything they don't understand from today's class.	**21** Make content more meaningful by connecting it to your students' lives.	**22** Help students start building a portfolio for job or college applications.	**23** "Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." —*James Michener*	**24** Plan to attend one of your students' games, concerts or competitions.	**25** Do one thing at a time. Multitasking can sometimes create stress.
26 Let parents know how long it might take before you can answer email messages and phone calls.	**27** Are you drinking enough water? Keep a glass on your desk and sip all day.	**28** Tough task ahead? Spend just 15 minutes on it today.	**29** Go through your mailbox at the start of the day. Throw away, file or take action.	**30** Have students create their own audio books for younger kids.		

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