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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Don't let yourself get side-tracked from reaching a fitness goal.	**2** Check to see if there are any grants available to help with classroom projects.	**3** Learn something new today.	**4** Learn more about assistive technology to help students with physical challenges.	**5** Have students draw and label the stages of the life cycle of an animal in sequence.	**6** To teach listening skills, give students directions on how to create origami.	**7** Celebrate Kite Flying Month. Go fly a kite!
8 Have a no-tech day. Don't check email. Don't turn on your cell phone.	**9** Keep a folder of volunteer tasks that can be done by parents who can't get to school.	**10** Reading aloud? Add a few props or a costume to spice things up.	**11** Teach the concept of scale by making a map of your classroom or your school.	**12** It's Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) day. Drop everything and read for 30 minutes.	**13** Remember, both you and your students will have some bad and some good days.	**14** Pretend you're a calm person. Act calm. Look calm. Soon you'll feel calm.
15 "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." —*Dorothy Parker*	**16** Start to create a story center with recorded books.	**17** Give students an answer, say 183. Have them write three problems with that answer.	**18** Read Longfellow's poem in honor of Paul Revere's ride.	**19** Rough day? Remember to pick your battles. Not every fight is worth the effort.	**20** Next week is Volunteer Appreciation Week. Think of ways to say "thanks."	**21** You can't do it all. Focus your energy on what is most achievable.
22 Start looking for a class you can take this summer.	**23** It's TV Turnoff Week. Challenge families to switch off the set.	**24** Rubrics that clearly show "good work" can be motivating for all your students.	**25** Write the start of a number pattern on the board. Have your students complete it.	**26** Together with your students, plant seeds and watch them grow.	**27** On a rainy day, play Spelling or Math Baseball. A right answer = a base hit.	**28** Look for a science article in the newspaper. Share it with your class next week.
29 "The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate apparently ordinary people to unusual effort." —*K. Patricia Cross*	**30** Present a brief overview of the concepts you will be teaching next month.	**April 2007**				

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