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Tips for Teachers Calendar

March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change." —*William Arthur Ward*	**2** It's Read Across America Day! Invite local "stars" in to read to students.	**3** Take a hike. Carry a plastic bag and pick up some litter along the way.
4 Restock your "survival drawer" with more healthy snacks and drinks.	**5** Have students keep a weather chart for March. Did it come in like a lion? Will it go out like a lamb?	**6** Use "In" and "Out" pencil cans. Leave a dull one in the "In" can when you take a fresh one.	**7** Ask students to get their pencils sharpened before the bell rings.	**8** Keep stickers in your pockets. Give them out to students who are following the rules.	**9** Students not paying attention? Whisper in the ear of one or two students who are being quietly attentive.	**10** Prepare dinner or a small "care basket" for a teacher who's going through a hard time.
11 Keep a wish list for your classroom. You'll know what to ask for when budget time arrives.	**12** Make every Monday "Please and Thank You Day." You will love the result.	**13** Put four baskets on your desk: To Office, To Be Graded, From Parents, To File.	**14** Jot a note of appreciation to one parent today.	**15** Make use of every second. Review math facts while waiting in line.	**16** Plan a "Favorite Day." Have your students list favorite songs, colors, etc.	**17** Write a letter to one of your former teachers saying how much she inspired you.
18 Set a timer for 10 minutes. Write down 50 things you enjoy. Plan to add a few to your life.	**19** Ask students, "Tell me something you learned in ___ grade that you didn't know last year."	**20** People who wash their hands seven times a day get only ¼ as many colds as those who don't.	**21** Research shows that teacher "read-alouds" are a major motivator for kids to read.	**22** Make sure your class library has "everyone" books—those that appeal to *all* students.	**23** Thank one person who helped you this week.	**24** Bake cookies for your staff or team. Bake an extra batch for your local fire fighters.
25 Create a CD or tape of music you enjoy. Listen to it while commuting.	**26** Review responsibilities for your classroom helpers.	**27** It's a fact: Exercise helps overweight kids learn more.	**28** Subscribe to a few children's magazines to motivate your students to read.	**29** Give students a list of *Do's* (not *Don'ts*) for good behavior.	**30** Use one-syllable words when making requests: "John—back in line."	**31** "The essence of teaching is to make learning contagious." —*Marva Collins*

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