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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers." —*Josef Albers*	**2** If you're feeling frustrated, focus on what you *can* control, not what you *can't*.	**3** Be gentle with seniors—college decisions are arriving in the mail.	**4** Keep a jar of candy to treat any student who catches you making a mistake.	**5** Find a place in the school where you can disappear when you need a little quiet.	**6** Review your rules about homework with students.	**7** Don't let yourself get side-tracked from reaching a fitness goal.
8 Do something fun today.	**9** Will you be unexpectedly absent? Email your lesson plans to your substitute.	**10** Ask students to write one thing they learned and one thing they could teach today.	**11** List the tasks you dread most. Spend 15 minutes on one today.	**12** Look into National Board Certification as a means of professional development.	**13** Make your motto "File, don't pile." Spend 10 minutes going through those piles.	**14** Read a non-fiction book on a subject of interest.
15 Make a list of things you did *right* last week.	**16** Always link student success to student effort as well as student intelligence.	**17** Look for a news story showing how science applies to real-life situations.	**18** Observe a teacher in another department. You may see some things you can adopt.	**19** Assure your students that not knowing something is no reason to be embarrassed.	**20** Have lunch with a few of your students today.	**21** Declare today a holiday of your own making.
22 Read the Sunday newspaper from cover to cover.	**23** It's TV Turn-Off Week. Can your students give up all their screen time?	**24** If you feel your voice getting hoarse, write directions on an overhead transparency.	**25** School can be a very serious place. Laugh with your students today.	**26** Set the tone for the remainder of the period during the first few minutes of each class.	**27** Have students take notes on today's reading for use during a test.	**28** Set realistic goals. Celebrate each success as you reach a goal.
29 "We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open." —*Harry Edwards*	**30** Ask students to think of one thing they would like to improve before the end of the school year.	**April 2007**				

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