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Tips for Teachers Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "You can pay people to teach, but you can't pay them to care." —*Marva Collins*	**2** Join a professional organization to boost your skills and knowledge.	**3** Keep a wish list for your classroom. You'll know what to ask for at budget time.
4 Reduce your intake of caffeine, which can interfere with sleep. Drink more water instead.	**5** All students benefit from study guides, not just students with disabilities.	**6** Have your students "RAP" when they're reading: Read, Ask questions, Paraphrase.	**7** Have students keep their desks clear except for things they are using now.	**8** Students can learn more from corrected errors than from work done correctly.	**9** Regularly model for students the task you expect them to do.	**10** Want to know one of the best ways to find more time? Say "no" more often.
11 Look for an interesting science fact in the newspaper to share with your class.	**12** Help students create their own dictionaries of terms used in your subject area.	**13** Spot check your students' planners. Make sure students are still writing down all assignments.	**14** Celebrate *Pi* day with special geometry activities.	**15** Help students stay focused on a learning task. Ask questions frequently.	**16** Reflect on one person who helped or encouraged you this week. Thank that person.	**17** Many public libraries have a great supply of audio books. Check one out.
18 Don't let up on your exercise program.	**19** Feedback is constructive; criticism is destructive. Give students feedback.	**20** To check understanding, tell students, "Turn to a partner and explain."	**21** Students with disabilities learn how to be invisible. Do they "disappear" in your class?	**22** Before a test, tell students to breathe deeply several times. It will help them focus.	**23** Let students do a "test autopsy." What questions did they miss? Why?	**24** Make a plan for the weekend that doesn't include work.
25 Start making plans for the summer. Look for a class you might like to take.	**26** Do you have a discipline problem? Discuss solutions with a colleague.	**27** Change your pace every 20 minutes or so if you have block scheduling.	**28** Help your students learn to evaluate information they find on the Web.	**29** Remember to use assessments as both teaching and learning opportunities.	**30** Think about one thing you'd like to try next week that you haven't tried before.	**31** "Mistakes are the portals of discovery." —*James Joyce, The Dubliners*

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