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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Elementary Edition

GCS Right Start
Induction and Success

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." —*B.B. King*	**2** Guide students in writing their own resolutions for 2007.	**3** Take a fresh look at your classroom. Are the things you use most in a handy spot?	**4** Treat your exercise time like an important meeting. Don't let anything interrupt it.	**5** As students reenter your class after recess or lunch, have work waiting for them.	**6** Stock up on birthday cards. Keep a few in your desk at school.
7 Avoid spending time with negative people.	**8** Is your classroom filled with clutter? Tackle one small spot and toss, toss, toss.	**9** Hold a "students as teachers" night so students can teach their parents.	**10** Schedules can change. Ask parents again for help in your classroom.	**11** Spend time on an unpleasant task. It may not turn out to be as bad as you thought.	**12** As a class, "adopt" an animal in your local zoo or aquarium.	**13** Plan time for balance. Include time for family, fitness, recreation, social and spiritual activities.
14 Set aside a regular time to handle email, which can otherwise become a time waster.	**15** Carefully proofread everything you send home to parents—newsletters, letters, even email.	**16** Ask a substitute teacher to join you for lunch.	**17** Have students learn more about Ben Franklin, born 301 years ago today.	**18** As students review for a test, teach them to dot or star the most important ideas.	**19** Have students draw shapes next to their names before turning in a paper. No more "no-names."	**20** Cancel any subscriptions to magazines you never read.
21 "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." —*Benjamin Franklin*	**22** Are you still calling parents with positive news? Get back into the habit.	**23** Rank your "To Do" items A, B and C. Do the A's (most important) first.	**24** Start creating test prep worksheets to send home to parents before state tests.	**25** Do a mid-year clean out of desks—yours and your students'.	**26** Make a plan for this weekend that doesn't involve work.	**27** Curl up with a book you're reading for pure enjoyment.
28 Take a few minutes to organize your workspace at home.	**29** Put a bottle of hand sanitizer beside the tissue box for sneezes.	**30** Learn to plan ahead. The unexpected usually *does* happen!	**31** Reevaluate your room arrangement. Can every student see you and the board?	**January 2007**		

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