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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Secondary Edition

GCS Right Start
Induction and Success

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 "Information is the currency of democracy." —*Thomas Jefferson*	**2** Make students write down homework assignments each day, even if you allow class time to do them.	**3** Change seating arrangements in your classroom for a new start.	**4** Review your district's policy on attendance with your students.	**5** Beautify your life. Bring in a new picture or plant for your desk.	**6** Reduce caffeine. It can interfere with sleep. Instead, drink more water.
7 Volunteer for an out-of-school project in an area that interests you.	**8** Each day this week, set aside 10 minutes to tackle piled-up paperwork.	**9** Have your students write letters to the editor of your local newspaper about good things going on at school.	**10** Help students create their own rubrics for one of your assignments.	**11** Before teaching a unit, ask your students, "Why do you think we have to learn this, anyway?"	**12** Don't just read "I Have a Dream." Ask students to write about their own dreams.	**13** Want to reduce student stress? Make sure you don't project too much stress yourself.
14 Know your limits. Don't take on more than you can handle.	**15** Find out if working parents can use their business connections to help your school.	**16** Respect your students' personal space. They may feel threatened if you're too close.	**17** A belief in ability is crucial to success. Kids who think they can are right!	**18** If a student acts out in your class, try not to take it personally.	**19** After each class, jot down the things you actually covered that day.	**20** Do your daily planning at the same time every day.
21 Find one-day volunteer events in your community. Share the list with your students.	**22** Stand near a kid other students seem to avoid. Your compassion may catch on.	**23** Find a special place where you can disappear to do quiet work.	**24** Ask if you can observe another teacher in action.	**25** A reluctant reader might enjoy listening to pre-recorded books (or books downloaded to an iPod®).	**26** A word to the wise: Preview all videos or films before showing them to your students.	**27** Go out for breakfast with friends.
28 Treat a big project like Swiss Cheese—poke holes in it. Soon it'll be done.	**29** Never give homework as punishment.	**30** "You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step." —*Martin Luther King, Jr.*	**31** Make sure your English language learners undertand the symbolism and imagery in a story the class is reading.	**January 2007**		

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