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# Tips for Teachers Calendar

**Secondary Edition**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | **1** "The most wasted of all days is the one without laughter." —*E. E. Cummings* |
| **2** Look over your lesson plans for the week. Are they tied to content standards? | **3** Select a graphic in your textbook. In pairs, have students explain what they think it illustrates. | **4** Have students look for the most important word, sentence and paragraph in a reading assigment. | **5** Keep students engaged. After you lecture for seven to 10 minutes, switch gears. | **6** Stretch your limits a bit each day. | **7** Are you faced with a tough discipline problem? Talk it over with a colleague. | **8** Research shows: When parents stress the value of education, students do better in school. |
| **9** Browse in a used bookstore today. | **10** Teach good time management. Help students break large tasks into smaller chunks. | **11** Ask parents to contact the school if they hear a rumor about school safety. | **12** Help students link something they learned today to something they already knew. | **13** Remember that sometimes kids "clown around" because they can't do the work in a class. | **14** Celebrate Pi Day today. See who can recite the most digits of pi. | **15** Try something creative you've never done—use watercolors, play the piano. |
| **16** Try doing the crossword puzzle in the Sunday paper. | **17** Help students focus on how they learn best. It will help them in the future. | **18** Use editorial cartoons to teach your students critical thinking and analysis. | **19** Invite students to meet with you one-on-one to discuss a long-term project. | **20** Teach students to take a "recall break" every time they study. | **21** Don't hesitate to telephone parents at work if the situation warrants it. | **22** How are you doing with your fitness goal? Don't let yourself get sidetracked. |
| **23** Make plans to go on a hike with a friend. | **24** Take five minutes to do some stretching. | **25** Ask students to show you an outline before they answer essay questions. | **26** Your classroom is not a "laughter-free zone." Enjoy a laugh with students today. | **27** Keep a bottle of water on your desk. Drink more than you think you need. | **28** Ask students to complete this sentence: "Today, I learned ... ." | **29** View problems as opportunities. It's one way to reduce stress. |
| **30** "The future belongs to those who see possibilities ... | **31** ... before they become obvious." —*Samuel Johnson* | | | | | |

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