



10 Strategic Classroom Management Tips!

Classroom Management is an art and there are lots of ways to go about it. You need to make it fun, have a plan, be consistent, and have a strong command of your class. Below are 10 tips that if used will give you a great starting point.

- 1) Keep it fun!! If the class is boring you will lose them. Use stories, don't talk in a monotone, and tell jokes. Do not be a boring teacher!!
- 2) Be prepared!! Have a lesson planned in advance and know your stuff so you can focus on the children. If you are trying to remember what you have to teach or keep looking at notes you will lose them.
- 3) Make your expectations clear. What is obvious to you is not necessarily obvious to your students. Write down your expectations if you can on the first day.
- 4) Get to know your students! Learn their names. What works for one child will not always work for another.
- 5) Use Strategic Kids Bucks and Teams! This works wonders. Give extra bucks to whichever team wins and use bucks to reward good behavior, creative and high level work, helpfulness, and good sportsmanship!
- 6) Be consistent in your discipline. If you let it go once they will test you and stretch their limits. Do not discipline one kids for something and then ignore it when another kid does it. Fairness and constancy will set a culture and standard in your classroom that the kids will understand and respect.
- 7) Use positive reinforcement! Make sure to compliment the kids when they do a good job. Remember that a lot of the issues are just because they are looking for attention.
- 8) Be aware of the children's attention span! If you do any one activity for too long you may lose them. One minute per year of age is the general rule.
You can reset that by making them laugh, having them participate etc.....
- 9) Make sure the difficulty is at the right level for your class! If it is too easy or too hard then you will lose them.
- 10) Do not be afraid to call parents for advice! No one knows their child better than the parent. If you are nervous doing that we can do it for you.