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# PRO COACH TIPS FOR THE CLASSROOM

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# PRO COACH TIP #1

## ***Be Prepared***

- ***MAKE*** examples of suggested LEGO builds and techniques
- ***RESEARCH*** words and topics you are not familiar with
- ***FIND*** more photo examples to help explain ideas in the lesson
- ***PLAN*** a fun physical or trivia game related to the topic





# **PRO COACH TIP #2**

## **Control the Class in Two Seconds or Less**

- **Use a tool like a bell or penny whistle to get attention**
- **Say in a loud voice: "Quiet please in 5...4...3...2...1. Thank you!"**
- **Stay positive and reward students who respond**
- **Ask them to raise a hand to help you with PRO COACH TIP #3!**





# PRO COACH TIP #3

## ***Set the Rules First***

- ***Let students participate in setting rules for the club.***
- ***Say: "Raise a hand if you have a good rule for our club."***
- ***Stay positive and reward students who respond***
- ***Adjust and combine rules as needed, but reward all participants.***
- ***Be sure that 'Have fun' makes it on to the list***





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# PRO COACH TIP #4

## ***Make it a Game***

- ***Create teams***
- ***Encourage sportsman-like behavior***
- ***Maximize on student competitive behavior***
- ***Reward the effort, not the product***
- ***Keep track of rewards so in the end everyone wins (and loses)***





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# PRO COACH TIP #5

## ***Deal With It!***

- ***Don't delay. Deal with it right away!***
- ***With competition will come conflict***
- ***Be ready to help students with calming techniques***
- ***Be ready to help students with conflict resolution***
- ***Be fair***





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# PRO COACH TIP #6

## **Watch the Clock**

- **Keep track of time**
- **Tell students how much time is left at least 3 times**
- **Set limits on share time with a timer**
- **Leave plenty of time for clean up and (hopefully) a game!**





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# PRO COACH TIP #7

## **Good Clean Fun**

- **Make the clean up process a competition between teams, with you, or between individuals**
- **Whatever you do the goal is the same**
  - **No LEGO on the floor**
  - **Kids are in line**





# PRO COACH TIP #8

## ***Dismissal Dangers***

- ***Mark your roster for the day***
- ***Do it the same way every time***
- ***Always dismiss one at a time***
- ***Always ask them to verbally say 'Good bye'.***
- ***Always watch the student connect with the parent or guardian***





# PRO COACH TIP #9

## **Double Check**

- ***If you can get back into the teaching space, go back and double check that it is well cared for.***
- ***Double check spaces where students could hide indoors***
- ***Double check spaces where students could hide outdoors***
- ***Double check your roster to be sure you checked everyone out***





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# PRO COACH TIP #10

## ***Be Genuine-Enhanced***

- ***Sort of like enriched bread***
- ***Show you are honestly excited about student progress***
- ***Slightly enhance the excitement for their benefit***
- ***Show the consequences to them when they are not behaving well by dramatically rewarding preferred behavior.***



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**THANKS FOR WATCHING  
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**Next Time:**  
**Using Teams and Bucks**

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