

ADVICE FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS FROM BEGINNING TEACHERS

- Network, Network, Network
- Don't be afraid to ditch a lesson if it's not working
- You can't do it all
- Ask a lot of questions
- Talk with team/grade level
- Realize you can't/won't be able to do everything
- Always be on time
- Explore your building for supplies and materials
- Develop relationships with parents early
- Good classroom management skills are half the battle
- It's OK to ask for help – don't hesitate
- Keep a running log
- Be organized
- Share good resources
- Enjoy your students for who they are
- Dislike behavior – not the child
- Establish classroom routines on day 1
- Be consistent
- Advocate for your students
- Have a back-up plan
- Take time for yourself
- Know and use students' interests and talents
- Have a sense of humor
- It's OK to stop and re-teach
- Have patience
- Don't grade everything
- For the first couple of weeks you will feel overwhelmed, but take one thing at a time
- Don't put things off
- Take advantage of workshops
- Enjoy your students
- Realize often that you are still learning and you will be for a long time
- The more you learn, the more you realize you have a lot more to learn
- Find out your resources; borrow, steal, share, beg
- Be flexible – try, try and try again
- Be a team player
- Observe other classrooms
- Do not give up!