

FOUR Tips For Your New Teachers!



Help your first-year teachers start off on the right foot. Here are four tips from *Your First Year: How to Survive and Thrive as a New Teacher* by Todd, Madeline, and Katherine Whitaker. Share these tips with your new teachers during mentor meetings, professional development days, or anytime they need a confidence boost!

1. Fake it Until You Make It

You set the tone and expectations for your classroom and first impressions matter. “Even though you may not feel like you know what you are doing during these first days, it is critically important to look like you know what you are doing.”



2. You can push the “re-set button”

It’s okay to re-establish classroom expectations if you find that things aren’t going well. “Admitting faults or mistakes can be difficult for anyone. But in this profession, and in life, we cannot be afraid to repair.”



3. Plan your lessons to the minute

Structure your lessons so as to effectively manage student time and maximize learning potential. “By preparing as much as you can prior to students arriving, you increase the likelihood of success when school starts.”



4. Build relationships

Get to know your fellow teachers and school administrators; draw from the strengths of those around you so that you can become the type of teacher you want to be! “Work together to create a safe and positive educational relationship that will get you through the hard times and help you celebrate the great ones.”



For more, check out *Your First Year: How to Survive and Thrive as a New Teacher* by Todd Whitaker, Madeline Whitaker, and Katherine Whitaker. And share your experiences on Twitter at [@RoutledgeEOE](https://twitter.com/RoutledgeEOE) using the hashtag #yourfirstyear

Bonus

A free study guide is available at www.routledge.com/9781138126152, so new teachers can reflect on the strategies and how to apply them to the classroom.

