

Do's & Don'ts for Teachers

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Do's

1. Be well prepared before you stand before the students.
2. Be aware of student s previous knowledge and abilities, when planning activities.
3. Watch good teachers manage their class, indiscipline, naughty children
4. Plan for different learning styles (i.e., visual, kinesthetic, audio).
5. Plan activities involving movement, fun etc. for every topic
6. Vary the teaching environment.
7. Allow children be risk takers and make mistakes
8. Allow children figure out their mistakes.
9. Allow students work in groups. Assign tasks to members like leader, helper, recorder
10. Establish clear simple rules - Scope, time limit, what you expect, be safe, be responsible.
11. Establish appropriate listening, speaking and answering / responding behaviours.
12. Praise appropriate behaviours.
13. Clarify inappropriate behaviours, explain consequences, and make students say what was wrong.
14. Establish looks or signals rather than drawing verbal attention to inappropriate behaviours.
15. Give breaks - Establish actions to gain and bring back student attention.
16. Use Ice breakers, motivating games etc. to motivate students quickly.
17. Create a situation rather than force a child to join an activity
18. Allow extra time for the week and show patience. Prepare reports on progress
19. Let children explore and learn from outside the classroom
20. Make your class fun, so that children want to come to school every day because of YOU.

Don'ts

1. Punish any child physically, tease, humiliate or use harsh words or torture mentally
2. Ignore students / allow them to wander or talk, when you are engaged.
3. Act / talk as a police person
4. Teach a mistake. Be sure what is correct, - whether it is a spelling or a pronunciation
5. Discourage – demotivate or anything that could affect interest or cause a depression
6. Teach holding books and sit while you give a lesson
7. Take action against any child without explaining
8. Give imposition or other wasteful acts to force a child learn.
9. Overwhelm children with rules and routines.
10. Force children to perform too many tasks inappropriate to age or time available.
11. Judge children with prejudice
12. Give too many worksheets and homework. Stick to school's homework policy
13. Leave the impression that school will be all hard work.
14. Leave material and manipulative outside unless you want the children to use them.
15. Make exceptions to the school's rules, even if you don't agree with them.
16. Reprimand a student in front of others; a quiet word in their ear is okay.
17. Allow disrespect to learning, others, or property
18. Begin teaching until everyone is meeting your expectations. It sends the wrong message to them.
19. Talk matters other than school related within staffroom
20. Do not use mobile phones during class hours