

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>September 2007</h2>						<p>1 “Our aspirations are our possibilities.” —<i>Samuel Johnson</i></p>
<p>2 Mail a letter home to parents. Introduce yourself and outline your goals for the year.</p>	<p>3 Save a few copies of your first-day packet for students who enroll later.</p>	<p>4 Give your students the class rules. Send home a copy for parents to read and sign.</p>	<p>5 Practice some class procedures—asking for help, sharpening pencils, turning in work, etc.</p>	<p>6 Tell parents about how much time each homework assignment should take.</p>	<p>7 Have students write (or dictate) their hopes and dreams for this year.</p>	<p>8 Set aside time today for some physical activity.</p>
<p>9 Set a goal of making at least five positive parent contacts per week—that’s just one a day!</p>	<p>10 Record your students’ “most important hopes” on a chart. “Rachel hopes to read better.”</p>	<p>11 Tell parents what to do if their child struggles with homework.</p>	<p>12 Create a class motto with your students. Post it outside your door.</p>	<p>13 Give students tape measures. Have them measure doors, books, desks—even each other.</p>	<p>14 Take pictures of students at work and play. Display these for Parents’ Night.</p>	<p>15 Create a class web page. Link it to your school’s website, if possible.</p>
<p>16 “We first make our habits and then our habits make us.” —<i>John Dryden</i></p>	<p>17 Arrive at school just 15 minutes early and your whole week will be off to a good start.</p>	<p>18 Begin the day with a short physical warm-up—good for bodies <i>and</i> brains.</p>	<p>19 Find out how parents prefer to be contacted: phone (home, work or cell) or email.</p>	<p>20 Play “silent math” while in line—solving problems with fingers and hand signals.</p>	<p>21 Model lifelong learning. Offer a pencil to a student who teaches you something new.</p>	<p>22 Make a list of “five-minute fillers”—quick activities to make the most of every second.</p>
<p>23 Sign up for a class that’s <i>unrelated</i> to what you teach.</p>	<p>24 At the end of each day, ask students to list three things they learned.</p>	<p>25 Laminate a class list. Use it to quickly mark off who has turned things in.</p>	<p>26 Create “want ads” for volunteer jobs. Include some jobs parents can do at home.</p>	<p>27 Hang clipboards around your room. Use them to hold passes, worksheets, etc.</p>	<p>28 Take photos of students following class rules. Create a bulletin board to illustrate them.</p>	<p>29 Create a “What Did I Miss?” folder for students who are absent.</p>
<p>30 Tackle a tough task for just 15 minutes.</p>						