

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>February 2008</h2>					<p><b>1</b> Research shows that when failure is not an option, students <i>will</i> succeed.</p>	<p><b>2</b> “Effective teachers work <i>with</i> students as opposed to doing things <i>for</i> them.” —James H. Stronge</p>
<p><b>3</b> Don't be a perfectionist. Sometimes “good enough” really <i>is</i> good enough.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Set aside—and protect—time to deal with paperwork today.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Post your assignments on your web page. Students won't call during dinner.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Ask students to create their own grading rubrics for an assignment.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Make transparencies with instructions for tasks to save time—and your voice.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Help students focus on time management. Start with the most important tasks.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Invite coworkers to join a book discussion or study group.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Saying “no” is a great way to reduce your stress level.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Look for a spot in school where you can “hide” to get quiet work done.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Make a copy for your files if you get an abusive message from a parent.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Offer parents guidelines on how they can help their students prepare for big tests.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Develop “The Look.” It's a nonverbal way to say, “I mean business.”</p>	<p><b>15</b> Give students five minutes at the end of class to begin their weekend homework.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Go out for breakfast or coffee with friends.</p>
<p><b>17</b> Find time to work on a hobby or interest. This can enrich your teaching.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Reinforce school rules about tardiness and absences now—<i>before</i> spring fever hits.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Point out your own mistakes. You'll make it easier for students to do it.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Make an appointment to observe another teacher at work.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Delegate. Don't do anything in your classroom that a student might be able to do responsibly.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Show students what an “A” paper looks like. Share a paper from a former student.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Research shows that having a plan and structure will increase your parent involvement.</p>
<p><b>24</b> Look for an interesting museum to visit.</p>	<p><b>25</b> Stressful day? Close the door and take some deep breaths.</p>	<p><b>26</b> In this era of cut-and-paste, talk to students about what plagiarism is.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Do you keep your grades on your computer? Be sure to back up your computer files every week.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Focus on the positive. Stress what went right, not what went wrong.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Challenge your students to explain why (or if) we have a Leap Year every four years.</p>	