**Things to remember for your first day of school.**

From ​*The First Days of School: How to Be An Effective Teacher*​ by Harry and Rosemary Wong.

1. **Be organized with classroom structures to establish consistency. Pg. 3**

**“Your success during the school year will be determined by what you do on the first days of school.”**

1. **Plan everyday, especially the first day, with research based practices. Pg. 30**

**“Effective teachers use proven, research-based practices that are employed by thousand of other teachers.”**

1. **Establish Positive (High) Expectations for ALL students. Pg. 37**

**“Your expectations of your students will greatly influence their achievement in your class, in their lives, and ultimately in the world.”**

1. **Celebrate the first day by welcoming your students. Pg. 46**

**“School is not a place; school is a concept.”**

1. **Dress for respect, credibility, acceptance, and authority. Pg. 54**

**“You don’t get a second chance to make a first impression.”**

1. **Be inviting and start building relationships on day one. Pg. 60**

**“Of course knowing your curriculum is vital; but knowing your students takes time and leads to success.”**

1. **Address each student by name. Pg. 69**

**“When you look at truly effective teachers, you will also find caring, warm, lovable people.”**

1. **Say “please” and “thank you” Pg. 70**

**“Courtesy and respect convey a message that says, ‘I am paying attention to you.’”**

1. **Smile! Pg. 72**

**“A smile is the universal language of understanding, peace, and harmony.”**

**10. Have a classroom management plan with these characteristics: Pg. 86**

High level of student involvement with work; Clear student expectations; Little wasted time, confusion, or disruption; Work-oriented but related and pleasant climate

1. **Have your classroom ready and free of distractions. Pg. 93**

**“The main purpose of your seating arrangement is communication.”**

1. **Have your teacher area arranged to maximize your proximity. Pg. 97**

**“A teacher’s discipline problems are directly proportional to the teacher’s distance from the students.”**

1. **Have your teaching materials prepared with assignments posed daily and consistently. Pg. 98/124**

**“Your very first priority when the class starts is to get the students to work.”**

**14. Have yourself prepared with all curriculum materials, school procedures, and login information. Pg. 99**

“Teachers who are ready maximize student learning and minimize student behavior.”