

25 Ways to Save the Classroom Environment

We often come across lists of how we can save the environment, which also includes simple suggestions on what we can do to help the environment. The following is a list of ways we can “save” the classroom environment which is referenced from the SubSuggestions E-Newsletter from STEDI.org for October 2009.

1. Students respond better to positive rather than to negative consequences.
2. Smile.
3. Direct students to a starter activity.
4. Don't let students lead you off task.
5. Follow the lesson plan and classroom expectations left by the permanent teacher.
6. Have “back-up” activities prepared.
7. Don't compromise your expectations.
8. The behavior you are trying to control is your own.
9. Remember 94% of behavior is inconsequential.
10. Students want to know what your expectations are and when they have met those expectations.
11. Stop and redirect inappropriate behavior.
12. When disciplining students, be sure to provide them with positive feedback.
13. Write a list of names of the students who are behaving appropriately to leave for the teacher.
14. Know and understand the school's policy for electronic devices.
15. Sarcasm is NEVER appropriate for the classroom.
16. Know the teacher next door.
17. Think positively of every student.
18. Leave your personal life at home.
19. Show that you can remain calm and in control.
20. Never leave students unsupervised.
21. Keep confidentiality.
22. When possible, consequences should be a natural outcome of the behavior.
23. Respect each student.
24. Ask effective questions.
25. TBWA-Teach by walking around!