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Carol Fuery's Newsletter
Motivation and Classroom Management

Hello and Welcome.

Thank you for signing up for our newsletter. We plan a newsletter each month filled with ideas, strategies and techniques for helping you manage your classroom and Win This Year!

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Your First 2 Weeks

The first day sets the tone for the entire year. Sometimes the beginning of the year can be stressful, chaotic and confusing. The following suggestions from *The New, Winning Year One, Jump-Start Student Success* (\$15.95) will get you organized.

See our website: www.carolfuery.com and order this book at a 20% discount!!

5 Teacher Responsibilities

1. Pick-up boarding passes.

Do not call roll. Instead... post your name both outside and inside your classroom. Stand at door, greet students with a smile, a handshake, a pat on back and say, "Good morning." Students pick up index cards / boarding passes. Students can lightly cross out "formal" name and put on index card the name they wish to be called.

Have name tags on table next to door. Fill in first name only. Have students wear name tags for at least a week. Collect name tags and boarding passes at end of period or the day.

2. Introduce yourself.

Talk about you. Tell where you went to college, if you're married, have children, what you like about teaching, etc. Be sure to say, "I am glad you

are here. I am excited about this school year. You can be a success in this class and I will tell you how.”

Have students face you. Give eye contact.

3. Have students fill out a **Student Information Sheet**. This is on page 124 of *The New Winning Year One* and includes the following:

Name

Name I like to be called

Parents/Guardian/Address/Phone #

Email addresses:

Your email address:

Brothers/Sisters living at home

Activities, Sports, Hobbies

Favorite T.V. show or movie

School Schedule

Work outside school? Hours per week?

4. Practice Procedures

Decide 2 or 3 of the most important procedures. These might include—the day’s agenda and schedule, where to turn-in papers, dismissal routines, lunchtime routines, etc.

Have students turn in boarding pass and Student Information Sheet. Then practice the procedures!!

5. The Day’s Agenda

Have day’s agenda on board, overhead, PowerPoint slide each day in same place. Students start class before the bell and will do what is on the agenda for that day.

Teach Classroom Rules

1. Everyone deserves respect.
2. Come to class prepared.
3. Have a winning attitude.
4. Do your best.

Have 3-5 rules which are general and cover lots of territory. Be sure students are listening. If they talk while you talk, you have lost ground already. Stare, lower your voice, stop talking and stand tall – walk over close to the ones talking, say, “It’s time to listen.”

Create a Signal for Silence

Have a signal for when you want quiet, hand clapping and saying aloud, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 – A signal for quiet is essential. Establish your signal on the first day. Ask for student input and vote on a signal, then practice on day one.

Use a Pick-Up Table

This is a rectangular table located near the door. This table contains a red make-up folder (homework/assignments), a blue-Make-Up Log (information notebook with 2 sentence summary of what we did and the In-Baskets, where all papers go.

Write Daily Flight Plans / The Day’s Agenda (short sentences what we’re doing today

Get Students Working

Refuse to do all the talking. Students can fill out a student information sheet, listen to an inspiring story, break into 2-person teams and introduce my “new best friend” to the class.

Learn Names

Name Game

Briefly remove name tags and have students stand up and say, “My name is Mrs. Fuery. This summer I spend time at the beach.” The next person says, “This is Mrs. Fuery and she was at the beach. I am Bryan and I spend time camping in Vermont. The third students say, this is Mrs. Fuery... and this is Bryan... and I am...

It is a great fun way to learn first names quickly. You will enjoy it. Only one person talks at a time – enforce this rule.

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