

# BIPPITY, BOPPITY, BOO! BEST PRACTICES FOR A MAGICAL CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE.



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# Do Now: Think-Pair-Share

1. Write down the name of your favorite teacher when you were a child.
2. Add one sentence to explain why he/she was your favorite.
3. Share your thoughts with fellow educators at your table.



# Practice Makes Perfect



## Rituals and Routines

- Start teaching expectations, rules, and routines day 1
- Take your time
- Model behavior (Right Way/Wrong Way) (Respect Rap)
- Daily 5 (Each segment is taught and practiced before moving on)

# Using Music in the Classroom



**Get them Moving!**

**Transitions – Songs, chants, or other attention grabbers**

**Music and Brain Breaks**

- Go Noodle
- Flocabulary
- Multiplication Mash-Up
- Verb Rap

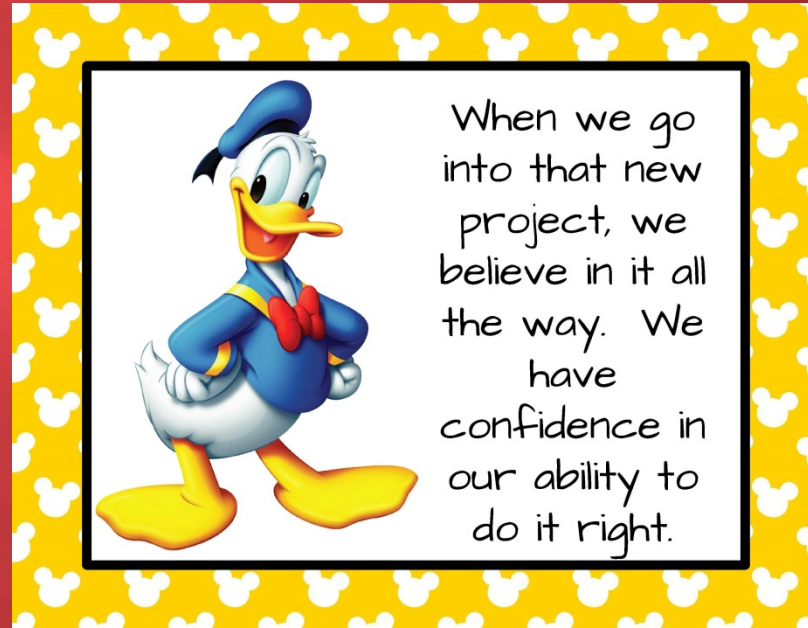


# If you do not have a plan ... your students will create their own!



- Students thrive on structure!
- Have a plan and make sure students know what to do.
  - Classroom bulletin board - "What Can I Do Now?"
  - Math/Writing folders- Complete/In Progress

# Successful Teachers are Reflective



When we go into that new project, we believe in it all the way. We have confidence in our ability to do it right.

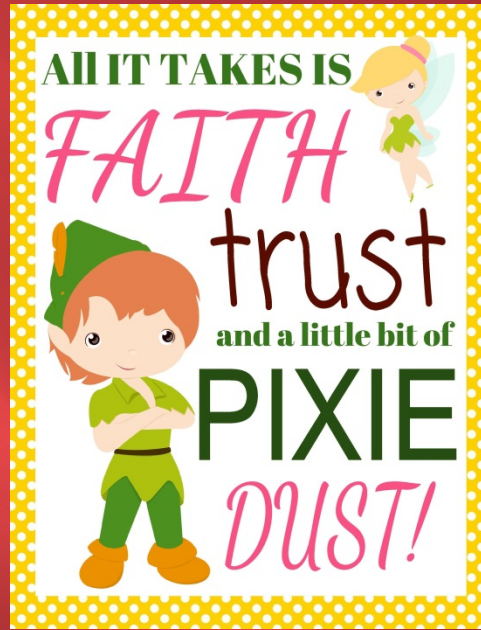
**Realize a lesson plan is just that ... Plans change. As a teacher, we need to know when to shift gears. Plans are forever evolving just like you and your students.**

- **Stray from the path as needed.**
  - **Re-Teach**
  - **Shake things up!**

# FAIL = First Attempt In Learning



**Keep calm and TEACH ON!**



- Have faith that you have taught them what to do.
  - Trust they will follow your lead.
  - Reward a job well-done!

\* **Brownie points for Specials Classes**  
(Art, PE, Drama, Technology & Music)





# Communication is Key



- Share both good and less than stellar behaviors with parents.
- Send positive notes home/Dojo messages/phone calls.
- Start early ... Fill parents' banks with several deposits before trying to make withdrawals.

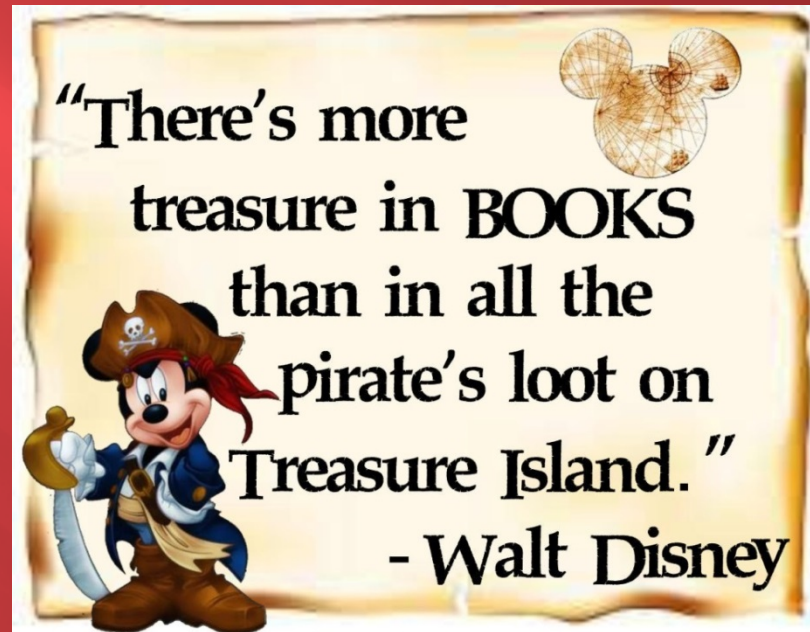
# Collaboration

Teamwork makes the dream work!

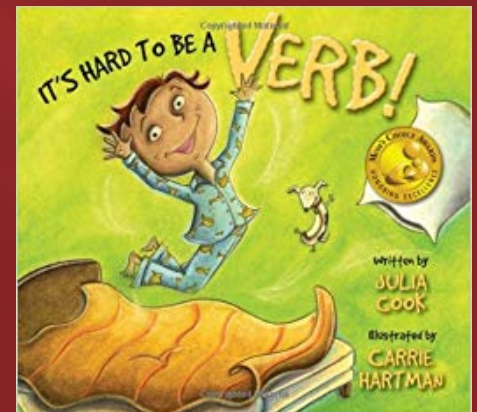
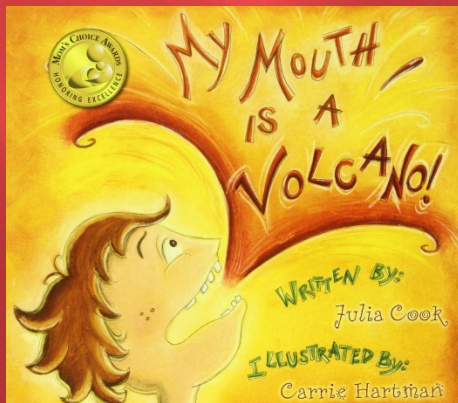


The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other!

# Share Resources



- Books by behavior
  - Videos
  - Website ideas





# Mousekatools of Teaching



- Jumbo book covers
- Organizing centers
- Classroom microphone system
- Write down your tattles
- Respond with, "Thank you!"



# Each day is a new day.

**"It's no use going  
back to yesterday,  
because I was a  
different person  
then."**



(c) Creation, cartoon, clever classroom by Rebecca Harris

**Start with a clean slate.  
Always remember ... the child that challenges us the  
most, might be the child that needs us most.**

# Connect with your Kids

The more you  
like yourself,  
the less you are  
like anyone else,  
and that makes  
You UNIQUE.  
-Walt Disney



- All About Me
- How do they learn best?
- Find resources that they are interested in.
- Give them the chance to be independent and creative.

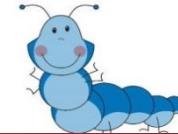
# Believe in your Students

**Believe  
there is  
Magic in  
the World**



**"The only way to  
achieve the  
impossible is to  
believe that it's possible"**

**Alice in Wonderland**



- A teacher's success begins with the success of our students.

**"Every kid is one caring adult away from being a success story!" – Josh Shipp**



# Set goals and have high expectations for ALL students!

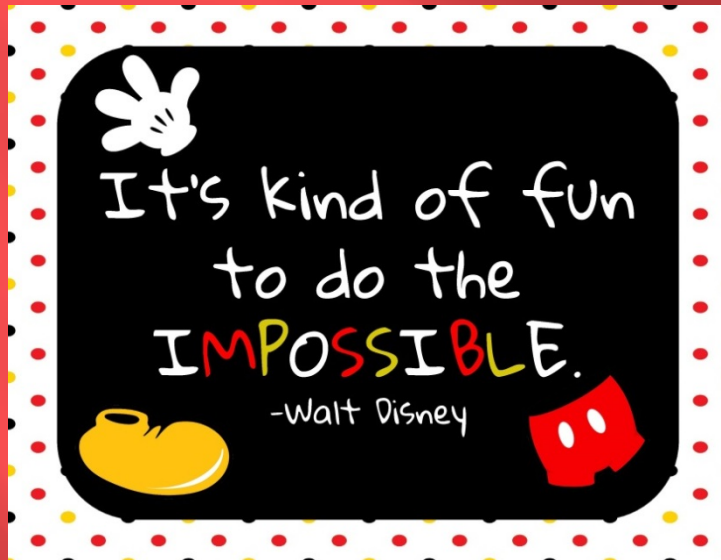


- Set/Share goals with students.
- Have students write good luck notes to each other.
- Encourage parents to write notes too!



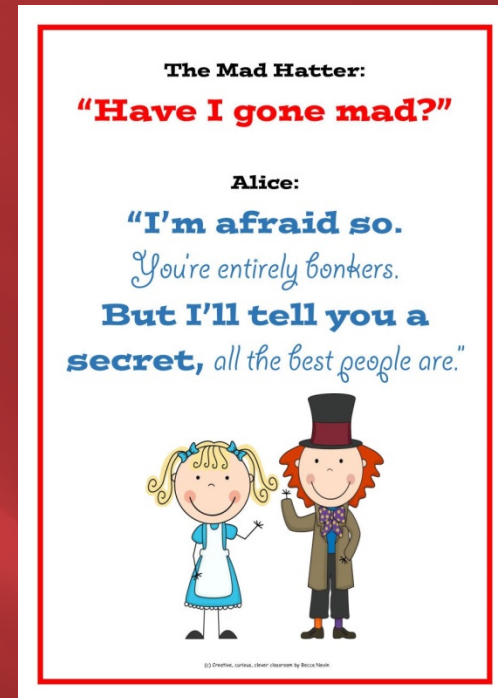
# Have fun with your students!

“Good teaching is ...  $\frac{1}{4}$  preparation and  $\frac{3}{4}$  theater!” – Gail Goldwin



- We are human.
- Sharing a laugh or smile with students (especially difficult ones) can be extremely powerful.

# Keep your sense of humor!



- Teaching can be exhausting.
- Finding the humor in the chaos is a means of survival.

# Create a Culture of Kindness



- Model kindness
- Celebrate kindness
- Writing/Acting with a purpose
- 25 Compliments
- Tooth paste lesson
- Scars on our hearts



# We all have tough days ...



When I am feeling the stress of daily life, I need to remember that...

Each day I get more hugs than the average therapist,  
turn more frowns into smiles than the average dentist,  
watch more brains process information than the average neurologist,  
and give more 'atta girls and 'atta boys' than the average coach will in a year.  
I do this every day because I was born to be a teacher.

~ J Ayers



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- We have all been there.
- Rely on each other.



# Teacher? I prefer the term Educational Rock Star!



## Video: Because of a Teacher

- Write one positive/funny thing that happens each day in a journal.



**Take care of yourself ... so you can take better care of your students.**



**Have a wonderful year!**