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Tips for Teachers Calendar

Secondary Edition

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2008		**1** Give students time to practice with partners before giving an oral presentation.	**2** Vary your teaching methods. Use group work, lectures, demonstrations, etc.	**3** Challenge students to create their own study guides for an upcoming test.	**4** Research shows: Your attitude does matter. If you think students *can* succeed, they *will*.	**5** Keep things in balance. Too much of anything—including work—can be bad.
6 "A compliment is verbal sunshine." —*Robert Orben*	**7** Plan now for Earth Day (April 22nd).	**8** Continue to read aloud to students. Well-written nonfiction can capture attention in any subject area.	**9** Help students focus on their assets. Assure them that we all do some things better than others.	**10** Invite a reporter from your local paper to talk to your students about writing.	**11** Ask students to create a lesson plan for an upcoming chapter.	**12** Pop some corn and enjoy a movie night at home.
13 Go to bed an hour earlier tonight. Your week will be off to a better start.	**14** Create your own honor roll. Honor students who have made progress in any area.	**15** Take a few minutes during the day for some exercise. Walk around the school building.	**16** Practice what you teach. If it's English, read and write. If it's PE, be active.	**17** Leave lunch money for your sub. Tuck a few dollars into your substitute folder.	**18** Teach students to slow down. Rushing through problems can increase the chance of making a careless error.	**19** Attend an event that will allow you to learn more about another culture.
20 Do something to promote your own good health today.	**21** Email is great for giving parents good news—not for discussing problems.	**22** Today is Earth Day. Start the day by listing ways to care for our planet.	**23** To teach your students to check facts, have them write their own wikipedia entries.	**24** Move closer and make eye contact with a student who is acting out.	**25** Have students create a podcast (or write out the steps) to demonstrate mastery of a subject.	**26** Challenge families to turn off TVs and computers just 30 minutes a day.
27 "Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall." —*Confucius*	**28** Look for ways to lighten your load—and for people who can help you.	**29** Look for one-day volunteer events in your community. Share the list with your students.	**30** Big project coming up? Treat it like Swiss cheese. Poke holes in it and soon it will be done.			

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