

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>May 2009</h2>					<p>1 Instead of a book report, have your students design a new book jacket for a book they've read.</p>	<p>2 Do something creative you've never tried before—paint, sing or dance.</p>
<p>3 “I tell parents that I do not expect perfection, but I do expect responsibility.” —<i>Susan C. Anthony</i></p>	<p>4 Are your students moving to middle school? Invite a middle school teacher and student representatives to talk to your class.</p>	<p>5 Give <i>specific</i> praise. Tell students exactly what they did correctly.</p>	<p>6 When teaching something new, ask, “How many of you think you could do this right now?”</p>	<p>7 Schedule short breaks between subjects—especially in the afternoon.</p>	<p>8 Plan a Book Character day—everyone comes dressed as a favorite character.</p>	<p>9 Visit a bookstore. Buy a magazine you've never read on a subject that interests you.</p>
<p>10 Take 10 minutes for some quiet reflection. Make it a daily habit.</p>	<p>11 Keep different dictionaries—bilingual, pictorial or specific to your subject matter.</p>	<p>12 Surprise your students with some extra independent reading time when they least expect it.</p>	<p>13 Begin writing comments for your report cards. Work on a few each day so you aren't overwhelmed.</p>	<p>14 Ask students to evaluate each member's contribution to group work—even their own.</p>	<p>15 Let students know you believe it's a privilege to be their teacher.</p>	<p>16 Remember your volunteers. Write a <i>personal</i> note to each one before the end of the year.</p>
<p>17 Expect interruptions. It may take a whole day to do what you thought would take four hours.</p>	<p>18 Make notes about your classroom management. What worked this year? What didn't?</p>	<p>19 Play math or spelling baseball. One correct answer = a base hit.</p>	<p>20 Add props or a costume to liven up your read-alouds.</p>	<p>21 Offer students as many choices as possible.</p>	<p>22 Start looking for summer learning opportunities for yourself.</p>	<p>23 What changes do you want to make in your exercise program during the summer?</p>
<p>24 Take a picnic lunch and a book outside.</p>	<p>25 Schedule an end-of-year showcase of student work for parents.</p>	<p>26 Teach students to estimate the amount of time they should spend on major test questions.</p>	<p>27 Remind students to think of past successes when they're faced with challenges.</p>	<p>28 Remember what you have in common with parents: You both want what's best for the student.</p>	<p>29 Give students a list of book titles. Ask them to select four or five to read this summer.</p>	<p>30 Don't overschedule yourself between now and the end of the year.</p>
<p>31 Visit a park or museum today.</p>						