



3 Tips for a successful start to the School Year

1

MAKE CONTACT WITH PARENTS EARLY

If you have never met your students, start reaching out to parents as soon as you get your class rolls. A quick email, text, or phone call just to introduce yourself will help you build a positive relationship.

If you happen to know your students already, you could start reaching out to the parents of students that you know will need that extra support.

2

SET UP YOUR ROOM AND LEAVE IT

Make sure you know where everything needs to go before the first day of school. If you teach elementary and your students have take-home folders that they return each day, have a specific place where they put those. If you expect your students to walk into the room in a certain way, make sure the furniture is placed so that traffic can flow easily. You want your students to know EXACTLY where everything will always be in the classroom.

3

PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE

Once the students arrive, you need to teach them EXACTLY what you want them to do.

This means teaching them:

- how to enter the room,
- where to put their things and in what order,
- how to make sure they have the materials they need,
- how to get to their seats, and
- what to do once they get there.