

# Resources for Teachers

## **Books of Interest**

(books with \* can be checked out at Professional and Organization Development Department)

### ***\*The First 60 Days of Teaching***

DeBruyn, Robert L.

ISBN: 1589920562

The Master Teacher, Inc. ([www.masterteacher.com](http://www.masterteacher.com))

### ***\*Teaching for Results***

DeBruyn, Robert L.

ISBN: 1589921208

The Master Teacher, Inc. ([www.masterteacher.com](http://www.masterteacher.com))

### ***\*How to Meet Standards, Motivate Students, and STILL Enjoy Teaching!***

Benson, Barbara P.

ISBN: 0761978429

Corwin Press, Inc.

### ***\*Quantum Teaching: Orchestrating Student Success***

DePorter, Reardon, Singer-Nourie

ISBN: 020528664X

Pearson Allyn & Bacon

### ***Educating Oppositional and Defiant Children***

Hall, Phillip S. and Nancy D. Hall

ISBN: 0871207613

ASCD publishers

### ***\*Differentiating Instruction in the Regular Classroom: How to Reach and Teach All Learners, Grades 3 – 12***

Heacox, Diane

ISBN: 1575421054

freespirit publishing ([www.freespirit.com](http://www.freespirit.com))

### ***\*Super Teaching***

Jensen, Eric

ASIN: 0963783203

Brain Store, Inc.

### ***\*Teaching Our Children to Think***

Langrehr, John

ISBN: 1879639769

National Education Service ([www.nesonline.com](http://www.nesonline.com))

***Setting Limits in the Classroom: How to Move Beyond the Classroom Dance of Discipline***

MacKenzie, Robert J.

ISBN: 0761516751

Prima Publishing

***Becoming a Better Teacher: Eight Innovations That Work***

Martin-Kniep, Giselle O.

ISBN: 0871203885

ASCD publishers

***\*Motivating Students Who Don't Care: Successful Techniques for Educators***

Mendler, Allen N.

ISBN: 1879639815

National Education Service ([www.nesonline.com](http://www.nesonline.com))

***First-Year Teacher's Survival Kit: Ready to Use Strategies, Tools and Activities for Meeting the Challenges of Each School Day***

Thompson, Julia G.

ISBN: 0130616443

Jossey-Bass Publishers

***\*First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher***

Wong, Harry K. and Rosemary T. Wong

ISBN: 0962936014

Harry K. Wong Publishers

**Websites**

<http://www.teachnet.com>: elementary focus, lesson plans, resources for bulletin boards

Five Minute Fillers: <http://www.teachnet.com/powertools/take5/index.html>

Especially for new teachers. If you have a few minutes to spare, try some of the creative suggestions from this lengthy list.

Classroom Decor: <http://www.teachnet.com/how-to/decor/general.html>

Here are some great tips for making your classroom a cheerful environment.

Fall Bulletin Boards: <http://www.teachnet.com/how-to/decor/fallbbs070699.html>

Find ideas for back-to-school, ongoing themes as well. Most are geared to primary levels.

2001 Bulletin Boards Library

<http://www.teachnet.com/how-to/decor/bboards/index.html>

This list has links to some great bulletin board ideas shown in photos and drawings of the actual boards.

<http://www.education-world.com>: many links, lesson plans, articles, all content areas and levels.

Icebreakers: [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/lesson196.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson196.shtml)

Getting-to-know-you-activities for the first days of school.

First Day Getting to Know You Activities

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/lesson019.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson019.shtml)

The 1st Days of School –additional activities

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/lesson074.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson074.shtml)

Effective Classroom Management Techniques

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_curr/curr155.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/curr155.shtml)

Create an environment for learning using these 12 teacher tested tips. Also includes many related links.

<http://www.eduref.org> : the *Educator's Reference Desk*. Offers lessons plans, all levels and content areas, educational technology, classroom management and much more.

<http://crayon.net>: helps support classes in creating own newspapers.

<http://www.gsn.org>: Global Schoolhouse provides online opportunities for teachers to collaborate, communicate and share learnings. All content and grade levels.

<http://www.classroom.net>: web-based professional development in core curriculum areas and technology integration.

<http://www.teachers-connect.net>: model lesson plans, best practices, educational links, index of online educational resources, online programs.

<http://www.newcurriculum.com>: Helps teachers integrate technology into curriculum. Lesson plans, resources, best websites, teacher tools, timely editorials.

<http://www.iste.org/resources/curriculum/references.cfm>: Online resources of interest to teachers and students. Dictionaries, Encarta, inet library, atlas', World Book, etc.

<http://www.teach-nology.com> : Offers teachers free access to lesson plans, printable worksheets, teaching tips and more.

<http://teachers.teach-nology.com> : Dozens of links to teacher and education websites.

<http://www.edhelper.com> : Many links, lesson ideas, all content areas and levels, teaching tools, monthly themes, create your own puzzles (spelling, word stories, etc.)

<http://www.tooter4kids.com> : Teacher resources, free worksheets, useful to students and teachers, homework helpers, month to month activities, teachers tips, etc.

<http://www.schoolhouseteach.com> : many links to education oriented web sites

## **GENERAL NEW TEACHER TIPS SITES**

### [Top 100 Sites For Teachers](#)

<http://www.sitesforteachers.com/>

If you click on only one link from this page, THIS should be it!

This site is a compendium of the very best of sites for educators and is ranked and updated daily. You will find links to every type of lesson plan imaginable, worksheets, and even e-books--every resource a teacher needs can be found here!

### [Teacher Tap](#)

<http://www.eduscapes.com/tap/>

The Teacher Tap is a free, professional development resource that helps educators address common technology integration questions

### [Web Teacher: Web Tutorial for Teachers](#)

<http://www.webteacher.org/macintosh.html>

Email, multimedia, chat rooms, Web page design, digital cameras and web cams, Internet safety, curriculum searches - you choose the topic you want to explore, you choose your own pace, and you choose the depth of knowledge you desire.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/FirstYear/ch3.html> : Tips and Strategies for First year Teachers  
Veteran teachers write in with time-saving tips to help you in your first year on the job.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/FirstYear/index.html> : What To Expect Your First Year Teaching

<http://www.peaklearn.com/tips.htm> :Especially useful for new teachers--find suggestions for planning and organizing your classroom layout, for creating successful student-teacher relationships, for designing a positive learning approach, and more.

<http://www.peaklearn.com/newteach/firstweek.html> : New Teachers--How to Start  
Here is an article which addresses the first day and the first week of your teaching experience, and offers tips for starting out.

### [New Teachers](#)

[http://www.gae.org/teacher/te\\_new.html](http://www.gae.org/teacher/te_new.html)

Find timely suggestions for "Beating Those First Day Jitters", "Working with Parents", and preparing for your first evaluation.

### [Teacher Tips](#)

<http://www.gbea.org>

Useful strategies for both the experienced and the brand new teacher... find suggestions for starting your year off right, for communicating with parents, for homework, discipline, and more. (Click on "Teacher Tips" on left column.)

[www.nea.org/](http://www.nea.org/) : National Education Association  
more issues, online discussion, and union news

#### [NEA Works4ME Tips Library](http://www.nea.org/helpfrom/growing/works4me/library.html)

<http://www.nea.org/helpfrom/growing/works4me/library.html>

This site is an archive of The National Education Association's weekly classroom tips e-mail. The Library contains more than 400 tips with current classroom ideas, updated frequently.

#### [NEA Free Things For Your Students or Classroom](http://www.nea.org/grants/free.html)

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From book samples, computer kits, chess sets, jump ropes, office supplies, maps, pens, teaching packets, tennis equipment, UN kits... find an eclectic and often useful list of free or next-to-nothing resources for teachers and students at this site.

#### [Snippets of Wisdom](http://www.yesiteach.org/tips.htm)

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Most of these teacher tips are little snippets of information, but don't be deceived by their size or diversity--they offer tiny treasures of wisdom straight from those in the know.

### **FIRST DAYS OF TEACHING**

#### [101 Things You Can Do the First Three Weeks of Classes](http://www.udel.edu/cte/101things.htm)

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From directing students' attention, to challenging them, to finding and providing support--find some timely tips in this large list for new and veteran teachers.

#### [The Daily BuzzWord](http://www.WordCentral.com/cgi-bin/bwwod.pl)

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Start your students off with a daily vocabulary word from this fun site--a great way to start your day.

#### [The First Day of Class](http://uga.berkeley.edu/sled/bgd/firstday.html)

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The items covered in this article start with a firm grip on common sense and take on a strong organizational attitude, with good advice to keep you on-track and in control.

#### [Primary Back to School Tips](http://atozteacherstuff.com/tips/BTS_CalmingJitters.shtml)

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Early elementary students just setting off to school might feel a great deal of trepidation--find some calming suggestions for making them feel welcome and secure. Be sure to see the index of back to school tips at the bottom of the page--a wealth of information!

#### [First Days of Middle School](http://www.middleweb.com/1stDResources.html)

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This site, specific to Middle school educators, is a wealth of links to incredible resources.

### [How to Survive Open House/Back to School Night](#)

<http://www.inspiringteachers.com/tips/openhouse.html>

This night is filled with opportunities yet many of us view it with worry. This site can help you ease into your first meeting with parents.

## **MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES**

<http://www.iloveteaching.com> tips and techniques related to classroom management, discipline, setting up classroom for success, etc.

### [99Ways to Say "Very Good!"](#)

<http://www.careerlab.com/99ways.htm>

For those times you need to encourage students but don't know what to say.

### [Classroom Accommodations](#)

[http://www.datasync.com/~teachers/classroom\\_accomodations.html](http://www.datasync.com/~teachers/classroom_accomodations.html)

"You look like you are paying attention when..." Here you will find behavioral clues to expect (or that you might already experience) in your classroom, along with a very useful set of accommodations to practice when aberrant behavior surfaces.

### [How To Create a Behaviour Contract](#)

<http://k-6educators.about.com/library/weekly/aa121000a.htm?once=true&>

Learn how to develop effective contracts through which students, parents, and teacher work together to help students develop better self-control.

### [Teaching Tolerance](#)

<http://www.splcenter.org/teachingtolerance/tt-index.html>

Find here 101 tools for tolerance, 10 ways to fight hate, and classroom activities and resources for helping your students respond to hate.

### [Effective Teaching--the First 5 Minutes](#)

<http://teachers.net/gazette/NOV00/wong.html>

From Harry and Rosemary Wong's "The First Days at School" handbook, here is an article from the same authors at setting the correct tone during the critical first five minutes of class.

### [Classroom Management](#)

<http://www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/ClassroomManagement.html>

A list of things to do before school starts, suggestions for meeting the parents, getting over the jitters, marking papers, creating supply lists, grading, and teacher survival kits--by and for teachers.

### [Be Prepared for Anything!](#)

<http://teachnet.org/docs/ntol/howto/start/c15779,.htm>

Now here is a real toolbox to keep in your classroom, including medical and office supplies, a substitute notebook--and lots of other goodies you didn't know you needed to know.

### [Teach a Rule or Routine](#)

<http://www.teachersnetwork.org/docs/ntol/howto/manage/c13801,.htm>

This brief article will introduce beginning teachers to helpful steps in maintaining classroom management. Start on the very first day of school to implement your own rules and routines.

<http://www.teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-3854.html> : *Parent Conference*

*Considerations*. Here are ideas used by successful teachers to reap the maximum benefit from parent-teacher conferences.

<http://www.teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-6506.html> : *Creating an Effective*

*Physical Classroom Environment*. Find tips for surveying and assessing, creating a floor plan, designing an effective and inviting learning space, maintaining organization, and providing plenty of storage space.

<http://www.teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-7265.html> : *Strategies For Effective*

*Document Management*. Documentation of instruction, behavioral interventions, academic and behavioral progress, and meetings with parents, support staff, and community resource personnel is a never-ending job. This site gives you many strategies to help you keep things in order.

## **CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT**

### [Setting Up Your Classroom](#)

<http://instech.tusd.k12.az.us/BL/blsetclass.htm>

You'll find tips here for developing stimulating and comfortable classroom environments.

### [Teaching Extras for the Classroom](#)

<http://www.abcteach.com/Extras/ExtrasTOC.htm>

You'll find pre-made printable classroom charts at this site--classroom learning center signs, theme signs, classroom labels, classroom job assignments, etc. Also available are practical classroom management forms to print out--calendars, bathroom passes, weekly assignment forms, homework reminders, discipline notes, calendars, etc.

### [The File Cabinet](#)

<http://home.att.net/~teaching/oddsends.htm>

Lots of useful printables offered here, including classroom money, homework passes, daily contracts, lined paper, progress charts, current events forms, daily contracts, assignments forms... and more.

### [Assessment Forms](#)

<http://www.teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-6282.html>

A wide variety of assessment templates are available for downloading at this site, including a bubble answer sheet, awards, progress reports, portfolio assessments, and more.

### [Back to School Bulletinboard Ideas](#)

<http://www.kinderart.com/bulletin/backtoschool.htm>

Paper plate and glitter balloons are easy, colorful, and a great way to start off the school year with a relaxed and creative activity to decorate your class bulletin board. Have your younger students practice writing their names in large print across their balloon.

### [Bulletin Boards for All Seasons](#)

<http://www.kconnect.com/kc-bulletinboards.html>

Also find ideas for literacy centers, class murals, and book-of-the-month.

## **LESSON PLAN SITES**

### [Apple Learning Interchange \(ALI\)](#)

[www.ali.apple.com/](http://www.ali.apple.com/)

A wonderful online resource for tutorials, units of practice, and tips for technology integration using software found on your classroom computers.

The New Curriculum Lesson Plan Bank:

<http://www.newcurriculum.com/main/lessons.htm>

### [Microsoft for Teachers](#)

[www.microsoft.com/education/default.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/education/default.asp)

Tutorials, training providers, lesson plans, and software applications for classrooms.

### [New York Times Learning Network](#)

[www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/archive.html](http://www.nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/archive.html)

Timely lesson plans for all subject areas.

### [The Gateway](#)

[www.thegateway.org/](http://www.thegateway.org/)

Highly regarded lesson plan search site. Plug in a subject and a grade level, and this meta search engine will return lesson plans from many databases.

### [Free Federal Resources for Educators](#)

[www.ed.gov/free/](http://www.ed.gov/free/)

Hundreds of education resources supported by agencies across the U.S.

[The Discovery Channel Lesson Plan Site](#)

[www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/index.html](http://www.school.discovery.com/lessonplans/index.html)

<http://school.discovery.com/schrockguide>: lesson plans, activities for all content areas and levels.

[Houghton Mifflin's Education Place Activity Search](#)

[www.eduplace.com/search/activity/](http://www.eduplace.com/search/activity/)

Features a curriculum database where K-8 teachers can search for language arts lesson plans/activities by grade level.

[Classroom Connects Lesson Plans](#)

[www.connectedteacher.com/lessonPlans/lessonPlans.asp](http://www.connectedteacher.com/lessonPlans/lessonPlans.asp)

Lesson plans that integrate the Internet into your curriculum. Lessons are PDF files to make it easy for you to print them out for the classroom. Many are free, but others require a subscription.

[The Busy Teacher Website for Lesson Plans](#)

[www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/homepg.html](http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/busyt/homepg.html)

[Channel 13 Edonline Lesson Plans](#)

[www.thirteen.org/edonline/ntti/resources/lessons/index.html](http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/ntti/resources/lessons/index.html)

You will find technology rich lessons here devised by teachers who are part of the National Teacher Training Institute.

[A to Z Teacher Stuff Network](#)

<http://www.lessonplanz.com> : Free online lesson plans and lesson plan resources for all grades and subjects.

[eThemes](#)

[www.emints.org/ethemes/](http://www.emints.org/ethemes/)

eThemes is an extensive database of content-rich, age-appropriate resources organized around specific themes. These resources are created for educators to use in their classrooms

[Daily Activity Cards For Grades 3-6](#)

<http://members.aol.com/A123836526/ActivityCard/archive.html>

Here you will find a complete archive of daily activity cards for grades 3-6. Print and use them for homework assignments, for sponge activities, for mini-quizzes, or for daily reviews. They cover relevant language arts and math subjects. This is great for "down time" activities. A chart is included for each child to check off the activities they have completed.

### [K-3 Themes](#)

<http://www.EnchantedLearning.com/themes/>

Each theme offers multiple pages of activities, craft ideas, and quiz pages. Topics include bats, butterflies, dinosaurs, colors, bones and skeletons, bees, farm animals, insects, transportation, plants, and more.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Yonkers Federation of Teachers

[www.yftonline.org](http://www.yftonline.org)

[American Federation of Teachers](#)

[www.aft.org/](http://www.aft.org/)

Find Educational issues, online discussion, union news, retirement issues, and more here.

[New York State Department of Education](#)

[www.nysed.gov/](http://www.nysed.gov/)

Links to anything educational in NY

[NY State Office of Teacher Certification](#)

[www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/)

Certification requirements, regulations, and answers to your questions about probationary and permanent certification

[NYSCATE:](#)

[www.nyscate.org/](http://www.nyscate.org/)

New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education

This organization is devoted to help teachers envision and implement technologies for the purpose of improving student achievement.