



Coach's Corner

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"You teach little by what you say. You teach most by what you are."
-Henrietta Mears

Semester 2 Mini Series!

Tuesdays!

All Teachers

Learning Walks

Have you heard your fellow teachers talk about great strategies, and you wonder...how do they do that?? Now is your chance to see firsthand!!

Look for the Learning Walks sign up this week.

Mini Series sessions are offered during periods 4-7.

We will start the Learning Walks 5 minutes after the start of each period.

Resources 101

We will continue with our DOK question stems next week!

Welcome to Second Semester!!

Welcome to the gift of second semester!! It is a fresh start for you and the students where we get to foster the strategies that worked well and revise the ones that didn't. We get new students who come in with a few fresh outlook on the semester before them!

Building Your Railroad!

Remember, *Procedures are the Railroad tracks and Content is the train!* If you need to rebuild your tracks, now is the time. Consider your procedures for the beginning and end of class and start teaching those right away. Don't be afraid to assign seats...you know this is helpful in some instances. If you are going to play with classroom environment this semester, start developing the procedure for rearranging desks. And above all...Write these into your Lesson Plans!!! The students will comply and then wait for you to forget, testing you along the way. It's ok to stop and reteach. If you do not have Rick Smith's book *Conscience Classroom Management*, stop by and check one out from The Teacher Center (220). We also have been using *Quality Questioning* and *Teach Like a Champion* as a professional development focus this year. If you don't have your copy of the text, stop by and pick one up.

Review attached Procedures Chart. If you and your students can articulate each expectation, then you have a Structured Classroom!

Driving Your Train

As you start driving your *Content Train*, please let me know if you need help. I am available to brainstorm engaging activities, higher level questioning, and critical thinking into your lessons. And if you are still *laying the tracks*, I am available to help build procedures. We can brainstorm, co-teach, or I can model... whatever you need!

Semester 1 Goals

Don't forget to continue making our Semester 1 goals a habit!

Stand at the Door: Every Day Every Child deserves your smiling face greeting them at the door. Take care of attendance, uniform, electronics, and food before they even enter.

Clipboard Magic: Print out those rosters and hold that clipboard all period, walk around during the Do Now holding that magic board.

Student Leaders: If a student can do it, then you shouldn't! Start creating leaders at the immediately, even if it is simply passing out materials. Every child should be actively engaged in the classroom community.

Lesson Plans: Print or write out your lessons *EVERYDAY!* And real time annotate as the day goes on...trust me, you will be glad you did!

Reminders

- Pick up a copy of *Conscience Classroom Management*, *Quality Questioning*, and/or *Teach Like a Champion*
- Stand at the door
- Hold your clipboard with rosters and plans
- Go over at least one procedure each day
- Coffee, tea, and chocolate are ready for you in The Teacher Center ☺

The Teacher Center Website is Up and Running!! www.thewcs.org/theteachercenter