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Top 20 Back-to-School Resources

Lesson Ideas, Welcoming Students, Setting Up Your Classroom, Meeting Parents, and More

Lessons & Activities

1. [**Fun Activities Get the School Year Off to a Good Start!**](#)
These activities help you get to know students and their strengths.
2. [**Fresh Ideas for Opening Day**](#)
Five lesson plans help get the year off to a great start.
3. [**Best of the Icebreakers**](#)
Ten creative, teacher-tested ideas help you start the school year strong.
4. [**Student Learning-Strengths Inventory**](#)
Start the school year with an online inventory to determine students' learning strengths and intelligences.
5. [**Works4Me: Starting School**](#)
Teacher-submitted tips for welcoming new students, learning their names, and getting to know them. Plus activity ideas you can start now and build upon throughout the school year.
6. [**Activities for Student-Created Rules**](#)
Eight activities help students set their own classroom rules.

New to Your School

7. [**30 Questions to Ask During the First Days of School**](#)
Make your life as a teacher easier by learning school procedures early on.
8. [**Advice for New Special Education Teachers**](#)
A veteran special education teacher offers advice to new teachers for surviving the first few months of school.
9. [**33 Ways to Start the First Year Off Right**](#)
A little planning before school begins can pay big dividends throughout the school year. This checklist will help you plan for the months ahead.

Setting Up Your Learning Environment

10. [**Order in the Classroom!**](#)
Practical tips and tools to get your classroom in order.

11. [Determine Classroom Procedures Before School Starts](#)
Use this checklist to set your classroom climate.
12. [Teachers Start Your Engines](#)
20 classroom management strategies give your year a great start.
13. [Establishing Classroom Rules](#)
Ten activities help you set the right tone for the rest of your school year.
14. [Teacher's Back-to-School Supply List](#)
27 things you do not want to forget.

Reaching Out to Parents & the Community

15. [Increase Parent Involvement With First Day of School Activities](#)
Develop a first day program that gets the whole community involved.
16. [Creating a Professional Image](#)
Advice for first-year teachers on cultivating a professional image that will strengthen your work with students, other teachers and parents.

But Wait There's More!

17. [Planning for Your First Day at School](#)
On the first day of school, the secret to success is in the planning, not the pedagogy.
18. [13 Ways to Beat the First-Day Jitters](#)
Some steps to take before school begins.
19. [Maximizing the Opening of the School Day](#)
How to establish the right rapport and get started on the right foot.
20. [Back-to-School Survival Kit](#)
Ingredients for teacher and student "survival kits" provide a welcome start to the new year.