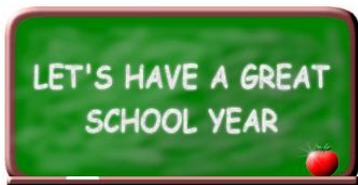


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Classroom Management Strategies

When the teacher is prepared and the classroom has easy rules to follow, and students know what is expected of them, there are fewer problems in the classroom. Here are a few suggestions that might help your classroom to run smoothly.

Give each student a number. You can do this alphabetically. A student whose last name begins with A is # 1 mix girls and boys. . Students put their name and number on everything they do. Whatever teachers collect can be alphabetized faster when using numbers. Number the hooks or cubby holes where students place their things. That is their space and others need to respect that space.

Three rules for the classroom.

**Respect yourself, Respect others, and
Respect your School**

Discuss the word respect to make sure everyone understands what the word means.

Have a **DROPBOX**. One you can make yourself and cover in contact or purchase a container from the Dollar Store or Discount Store. Make sure it is long enough to hold 8 1/2 by 11 objects. On the front place a sign that reads DROPBOX. Underneath the words print: Please put any notes, messages, or papers you need to give me inside this box. Thank you.

Then, when you have time, you can look at what's in the box.

Another way to cut down on noise and chatting in the classroom is to teach the children poems and songs that can be used when changing subjects. These activities can be used later in the year if you have an end of year program. Simple songs and poems are included to help you get started.

Prayer Time

When you are getting ready for prayers or having a special time with Jesus, this song may help bring a sense of calmness to the children.

Let's Talk to Jesus



Tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Close your eyes and bow your head

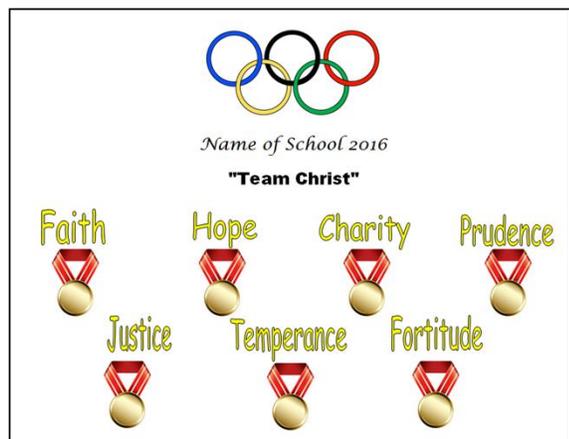
Bow your head, bow your head.

Close your eyes and bow your head

It's time to talk to Jesus.

Gold Medals in Virtue

Use this bulletin board to connect the Olympics with virtue education. The "location" of these Olympics can be either your school or class name. Instead of Team USA your students are a part of Team Christ. Under each virtue a gold medal can be added either with the definition of the virtue or a student's name who has exemplified that virtue.



Pen Pals with Parents

Teach letter writing and create special memories all at once. Once a month have your students write a letter to one of their parents. Make sure to stress to the parents, at Back to School Night, the importance of them writing back. Your students will enjoy receiving mail at school and it will motivate them to keep writing.

Happy Birthday, Mary, Our Blessed Mother September 8th

Tune: London Bridges

Happy Birthday, Mary, Mary, Mary.
Happy Birthday, Mary.
Mother of Jesus.

You are mother of us all, of us all, of us all.
You are mother of us all. Your home is
heaven.

We Have Rules Rhyme

We have rules. We have rules.
Rules to keep us safe in school.
Inside voices, walking feet.
Don't touch or bother
The friends we meet.
Follow directions, listen too.
Rules will make you cool in school.

Rules Are Important

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle...

Here are some rules for you and me,
See how important they can be.
Always be honest, kind, and fair,
Always be good and willing to share.
These are rules we all should know.
We follow these rules wherever we go.

Thank You, God

Thank you, God for this new day,
I come to school to work and pray.
Please be with me all day long,
In every story, game, and song.
May all the happy things we do,
Make you, Our Father, happy too.

Apple Poem

Up in the apple tree high off the ground.
I see an apple so big and round.
I climb up the tree and hold on tight.
I pick the apple and take a bite!
m-m-m-m-m-m Good!

Angel Poem

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle...

Little Angel hear me pray,
Guard me, watch me, all the
day.
Be with me when night grows
deep,
Bless me; keep me, while I sleep.
Angel, angel hear me pray.
Be my guardian night and day.



I Made a Jack-O'-Lantern

I made a jack o' lantern
I made him yesterday.
I made two eyes like big round wheels;
I made his nose this way.
I made his mouth into a smile
With every tooth in place,
And then a candle lighted up
My jack o' lantern's face!

When The Leaves Are On The Ground

When the leaves are on the ground
(point to the floor)
Instead of on the trees
(hands clasped over head)
I like to make a great big pile of them way up
to my knees
(hands on knees)
I like to run and jump in them
(jump once)
And kick them all around
(kicking motion with foot)
I like the prickly feel of them and the crickly,
crackly sound.
(click fingers)



This House Must Be Haunted

Tune: Skip to My Lou

Bats in the attic, what'll I do? 3X
This house must be haunted.

Ghost in the closet, what'll I do? 3X
This house must be haunted.

Cat in the cellar, what'll I do? 3X
This house must be haunted.

Bats in the attic, shoo, bat,
shoo.
Ghost in the closet, shoo,
ghost, shoo.
Cat in the cellar, shoo, cat, shoo.
This house is not haunted.



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins resting near a gate
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in
the air."
The third one said, "But I don't care."
The fourth one said, "Oh, let's roll around."
The fifth one said, " It's cold on the ground."
Woouoooo went the winds
And out went the lights
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of
sight.



Saints – Go

A saintly twist to a trending game. Introduce your students to Holy Men and Women of the Church by having them "catch" saints with "Saint-Go". Print out your own trading cards with a picture and information or download premade cards from a website like www.happysaints.com. Assign different saints to various tasks, locations, subjects, and school functions. For example, Saint Clare could be a prize in the prize box; Saint Alphonsus could be "caught" after a certain number of homework assignments are handed in; Saint Kateri could be "caught" by knowing a certain number of sight words; Saint Nicholas can be "caught" at the Christmas program. The possibilities are endless. Students can store their cards in plastic card collector sleeves or a container. This way they can be transported safely between home and school to share about the saints where ever they go.

Prayer before a Test

Help me Lord to do my best,
To remember what I have learned.
So when I hand in my test,
It shows how much I've grown.



Turkey Time

I'm a little turkey; I'm round and very stout.
The farmer gives me freedom so I
can run about.

But when the weather changes
and frost is on the ground,
I look for a good hiding place, you
won't find me around.



What Goes in a Circle?

To develop categorizing skills, play this game with your students. Begin by drawing a large circle. Think of a category – for example, even numbers, long/short vowel words, yellow things, mammals, states, seasonal words, or color words. Without telling your students the category, write or draw 2 or 3 items inside the circle that fit in the category. Then ask, “What else belongs in the circle?” Write correct answers inside the circle and incorrect outside the circle. Continue to play until most of the students have figured out the category, and then ask someone to explain the pattern. Once the students catch on, just use 1 or 2 words or pictures.

I Can Learn

(Tune: Sing A Song of Sixpence)

When I think of Jesus
I'm happy as can be.
I love Jesus dearly –
Jesus loves me.
Even though I'm little, Oh,
I can learn to do
Helpful things to please my Lord
The same as each of you.

Birthday Prayer for Classmates

After singing Happy Birthday on a child's birthday, as a class this prayer can be recited.

Dear Lord, please bless
(student's name)

On this his/her special day!
Thank you for the gift he/she is
To all in every way!



Are You Ready for Some Basketball?

This is an activity that can be played using different subject areas.

Vocabulary Basketball

Materials: over the door basketball net or a basketball net with suction cups – small, soft basketball

Divide the class into 2 teams.

Put vocabulary words on the board. Teacher gives a

definition – the first team

member earns 1 point if

he/she can find the correct

word. Another point can be earned if student can make a basket. Teacher sets up line showing where to stand to make a shot.

Team that earns the most points after the last student plays – wins.



How Many Patterns in 100?

Exploring a hundred chart can reveal countless patterns. Display a hundreds chart. Give each student a laminated copy of the hundreds chart and a zip lock bag with bingo chips, small foam shapes or other objects that can be used to cover the numbers. Invite students to follow oral directions and find the patterns.

Examples:

- Cover the numbers 10, 20, 30, 40, and then ask, “What number comes next?” Ask a volunteer to come and point to the next number and tell the pattern. Students can then finish the pattern.
- Cover number 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, What comes next? What is the pattern? What numbers will finish the pattern?
- Cover even numbers to 20. Check. What will be the next 5 numbers?
- Cover odd numbers 21 to 39. What number comes next? What number comes before 21?
- Cover the numbers 5, 10, 15, 20,..What is the next number? Follow the patter to 50? Explain what you see.

Sentence Patterns

Here's a five minute oral language activity. Put a sentence pattern on the board. Then ask for a volunteer to supply words to create a sentence.

_____, _____ _____ _____.

Examples: Yes, I like my dog. Mom, my lunch is missing.

_____, _____ _____ _____?

Examples: Jack, where is your pencil?
Dad, can you help me?

Question Anchor Chart

Some children have a difficult time understanding what makes up a question. Create a poster with a large question mark that you can write in. Leave the circle under the question mark separate. Inside the question mark print these words: Who, What, When, Where, How, Why, Does, Will, Are. Inside the circle print Could, Do, Did, Can. When students want to ask a question or are asked to create a question, they can check the Question Anchor Chart. In the beginning you may wish to use a few question words and then add on as needed.

Subtraction Poem

from theinspiredappleblog.com

More on top?	58
No need to stop.	- 5

	53

More on the floor?	55
Go next door...	- 8
And get 10 more	_____
	47

Numbers the same?	58
	-8

Zero's the game	_____
	50

Beginning of School Prayer

We give you praise, O God,
for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds promise and
brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year
with our friends and teachers
Help us to make the most of every chance we
have to start afresh.

May we show love to one another and to all.
May the new beginning of this school year
remind us that you give us chances to start
over again and again.

Help us to forgive others
as we receive your forgiveness.
Help us to learn and to work together.

Help us to listen when we should
and to know the best words when we speak
and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends
Help us to be good friends this year.

Help us to be patient
with ourselves and with others.
Bless our school and keep us safe.

Be with us as we travel each day.
Help us to be aware of your love
shown to us in the people around us.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us
And help us to live as well as we can
Giving thanks and glory to God as she did.
Amen!

(DeanneLane)

We're Going Back To School



May this school year be one of peace and joy
as you bring Christ into your classroom each
and every day!