

Parent Involvement

- Sends positive notes home
- Encourages input and ideas
- Offers opportunities to volunteer in the classroom
- Invites parents to special class events
- Assigns homework that asks for parent-student interaction
- Holds student-led parent-teacher conferences
- Creates a trusting and welcoming environment

Classroom Management

- Establishes a structured classroom with procedures, rules, and consequences
- Is consistent
- Is purposeful in the arrangement of the classroom
- Prepares materials in advance
- Holds high expectations for the students
- Is aware of all surroundings
- Creates a safe, warm, and positive learning environment



Each piece of the puzzle is equally important to the next. Without one another, the teacher will be ineffective. Each bullet point represents what an effective teacher will do in the classroom for the success of his or her students. When establishing classroom management, lesson mastery, parent involvement, and professional growth and development, a teacher will be effective and have success with his or her students.

Professional Growth and Development

- Consistently strives to improve
- Sets high expectations for his or herself
- Knows areas of personal strengths and weaknesses
- Researches and implements ways to help strengthen weaknesses
- Reflects and finds ways to improve teaching
- Participates in staff development training
- Works collaboratively with faculty and staff
- Attends conferences and workshops
- Researches new techniques to use in the classroom

Lesson Mastery

- Creates effective lesson plans, assignments, and tests
- Has a purpose for everything
- Adapts instruction to students' needs and learning styles
- Uses different techniques and instructional strategies
- Keeps standardized testing in mind
- Understands that social and behavior skills are equally important
- Re-teaches students who are struggling