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**#1**

Name of Tool: Classroom Helpers

URL: <http://www.pre-kpages.com/helpers/>

Description of Tool: This tool would be very helpful in the classroom. With this, one student is chosen from the class everyday to be a special helper to the teacher. The teacher picks a different student at the start of everyday to help do specific jobs that the instructor needs to get accomplished. The system is very creative. The student who is the helper for the day can wear the leader vest. The leader vest helps the child stand out so that they feel a sense of pride about being chosen to represent the class and help the teacher. There is also a chance for the students who are not chosen as the leader to have a specific job to do for the day. In the front of the room there is a chart where a child’s picture can go. These are other odd jobs such as turning of the lights or holding the door. Even though one student is chosen to be the leader for the day, everyone still has a turn to help out.

How the tool can be used by the teacher: The tool can be used by the teacher to help to ensure that the entire class feels important. Even though we are recognizing one “star student”, the class as a whole should still feel the love, respect, kindness, and importance that we show to the single student. By using this, every student knows that they have a specific job to do. This will make the teacher’s job easier because we will not have to be in 25 places at one time!

How too can be used by student: This tool can be used by the student to make them want to strive to be chosen as the “star student”. When the child feel that they are going to be recognized for their good actions they will want to continue to be good so they can help more often. Many of the students will complete their work in a good time frame so they can help out the teacher.

Some advantages of using the tool: Some advantages of using this tool are to make sure the classroom keeps order. When the student’s know a reward is in the future, they will act a good as they can. I think this is a wonderful idea to keep classroom management. This is also a great tool to make all of the students feel involved in the community of the classroom.

**#2**

Name of Tool: Substitute Teachers

URL: <http://www.pre-kpages.com/substitute-teachers/>

Description of Tool: This tool explains how to make a binder for a substitute teacher. This is a very important tool for all teachers because you never know when you will have to miss a day of school. It is very important for the substitute folder to be very neat and organized so that the sub will know exactly what and how to do the work you have left. The six tips for making a substitute folder are very important. A few of the steps including planning ahead, putting the binder where the sub can easily see it, keep an updated class list handy, and include thank you notes for the sub. The binder should also include a list of all the work the students are to do and all of the worksheets the substitute should pass out.

How the tool can be used by the teacher: This tool can be used by the teacher to ensure that the students know what to do when the teacher is absent. This is the only communication between the teacher and the students the day the teacher misses class. If the teacher makes the lesson plan very clear and organized, then she will not have to answer phone calls about how to handle class when she is out.

How too can be used by student: This can be used by the student in many ways. This is a way that the students complete their work when the teacher is not present. The student should use this tool to make sure they are completing everything their instructor wanted them to get completed.

Some advantages of using the tool: Some advantages of this tool are that the sub will know exactly what to do so that the students do not fall behind in their schoolwork. It is a very good way to relay information from teacher to substitute to the students. This tool makes the learning process very helpful and useful.

**#3**

Name of Tool: Parent Conferences

URL: <http://www.pre-kpages.com/conferences/>

Description of Tool: This tool discusses what to do what you are conducting parent teacher conferences. This gives you tips about how to start of a parent teacher conference all the way up to a follow up session. The first step that the tool discusses is to schedule the conference. This gives the ideas to make calls or send home notes. While you are in the conference, you should always start off positively. Let the parents know that you care and love their child before you tell the parent what the child needs to work on. If the child has problems that you want the parent to help you work on at home, then you can schedule a follow up conference. This tool is very helpful for learning how to conduct a conference.

How the tool can be used by the teacher: The teacher can use this to make sure that they understand the important steps they must take before they conduct a parent teacher conference. If the teacher does not read and understand what this tool says, then they may not conduct the conference in a way that is helpful and encouraging. The teacher must always remember to be positive and uplifting.

How too can be used by student: This can be used by the student to understand how the teacher will talk to the parent. If the student does not understand how the parent and teacher will talk, they might become uneasy knowing their parent will be discussing things with the teacher.

Some advantages of using the tool: Some advantages to using this tool are that the teacher will be more prepared when they talk to a student’s parents. They will know what they should say to make sure the parents know what they need to work on and how the student is doing in the class.

**#4**

Name of Tool: Library Thing

URL: <http://www.librarything.com/home/MaryWilliams>

Description of Tool: With this website, the teacher can add books and see which books other teacher enjoy reading and using. This website allows you to look up books that are in all libraries and websites. It is a very helpful website especially if you need to get information on a book that you are thinking about reading to your classroom.

How the tool can be used by the teacher: This tool can be used by the teacher to make sure that they can find every book that they need to use in their classroom. The way that the website has been laid out is a great way to ensure that you can find exactly what you are looking for.

How too can be used by student: This can be used by the students to add books to the classroom portion so that everyone’s idea can be heard and expressed. It is a great way to get students to want to research what is going on in the classroom and try to help the class grow and prosper.

Some advantages of using the tool: Some advantages of this tool is to make sure that the classroom has enough resources for the students to complete their work correctly. The information that we teach our students should always be truthful and with this website teachers and look up and access different information.

**#5**

Name of Tool: Wikipedia

URL: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page>

Description of Tool: This tool is used to help people all over the world add and delete information about all subjects. This is a great website that connects everyone thoughts and perceptions about a subject in one place. The information can be changed, corrected, and had additions made to it so that the user has the best possible answer.

How the tool can be used by the teacher: This tool can be used by a teacher to make sure that information is correct before the students use the website for research. Wikipedia has information on every subject that you could think of. The teacher could look up information on Wikipedia and share it with the class without having to go to additional websites for information.

How too can be used by student: Wikipedia is a great resource for a student to use. On Wikipedia, a student can look up and research all subjects. This is a good thing so that students do not have to swap back and forth between different websites while conducting research. If a student has any question, they can come to Wikipedia and find the answer.

Some advantages of using the tool: Some advantages to using Wikipedia include the fact that you can access information quickly on the website. Another advantage is that the information is very helpful for any subject that you are studying. Many teachers use the website for research purposes to help the students to have an easier time at finding out information on the subjects that they are studying in school.

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