#### How to Launch a Super School Year Webinar Handout Slides







## Let's Do a Quick Tech Check

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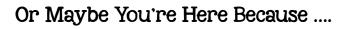


- on a laptop or desktop computer (not a mobile device)
- Fast Internet connection is best
- Close any open browser tabs and computer apps
- Pause programs that involved background syncing (Dropbox)

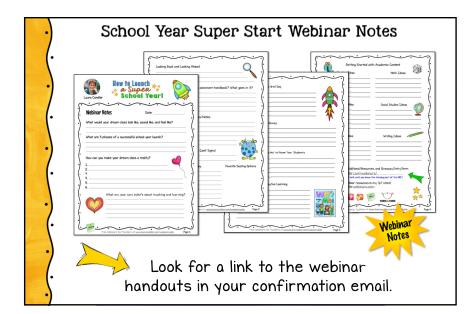
#### Why Are You Here?



- Last year was a challenge, and you've decided that things are going to be different this year.
- You had a terrific class last year, but you've heard that your next class is going to be a tough group.
- You're a new teacher and you're wondering what to do on the first few days of school.

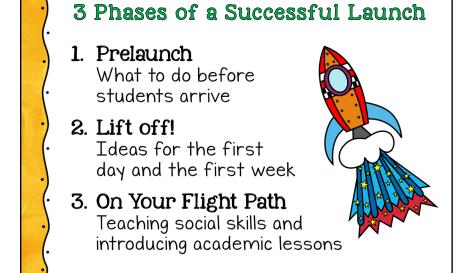


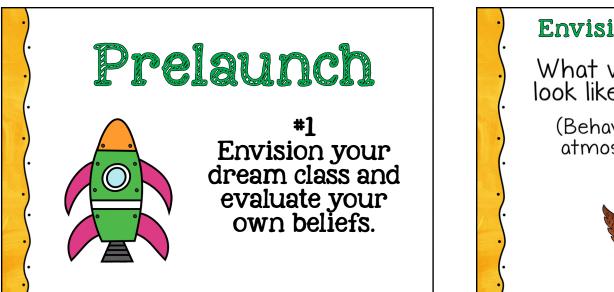
- You've struggled with classroom management, and you're looking for practical strategies that will work.
- You're looking for some quick and easy back-to-school activities.
- You need a little motivation and inspiration to start the year!

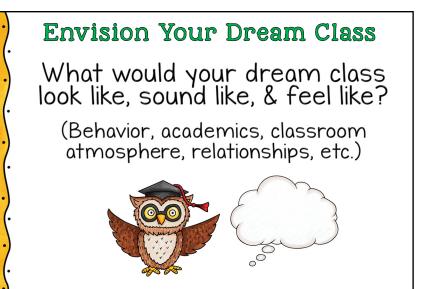












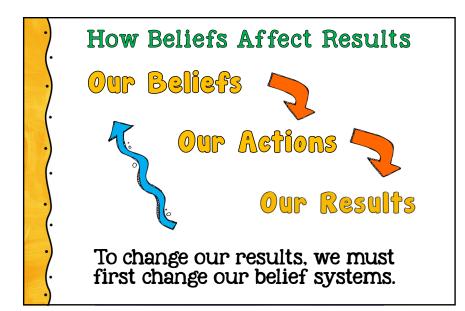
# Is This an Impossible Dream?

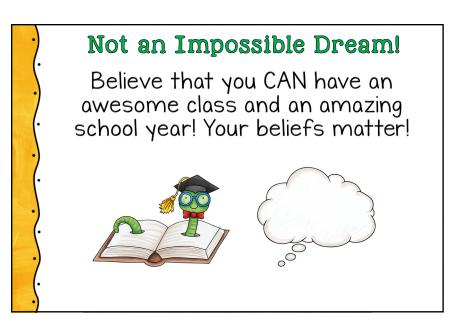
Do you believe you can have an awesome class and an amazing school year? Why or why not?



# Do Your Beliefs Even Matter?

- Is the quality of our school year determined by the students assigned to us?
- How much is determined by our own beliefs and attitudes?
- Can we decide to have an amazing year and make it happen?





#### How to Make Your Dream a Reality

**Envision** the best year ever.

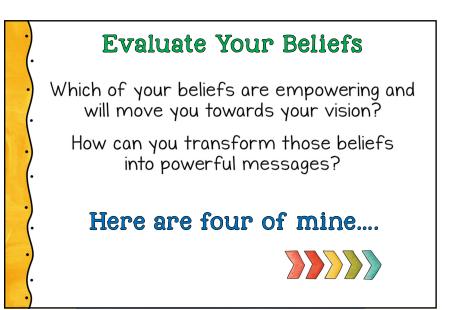
**Evaluate** your current beliefs.

Adopt only empowering beliefs.

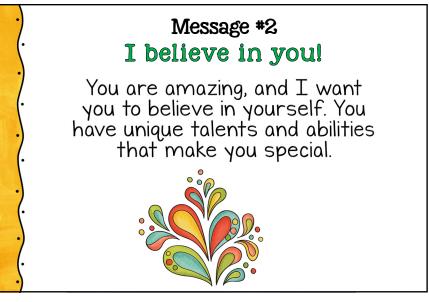
Communicate your beliefs.

**Credte** a classroom environment that is aligned with your beliefs.

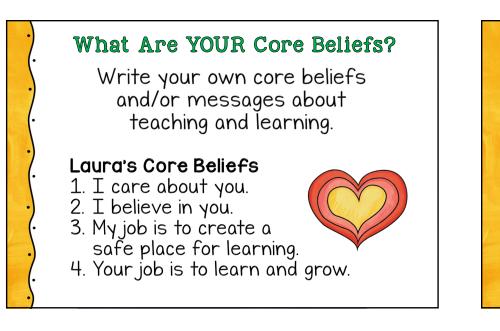
**Celebrate** every success!





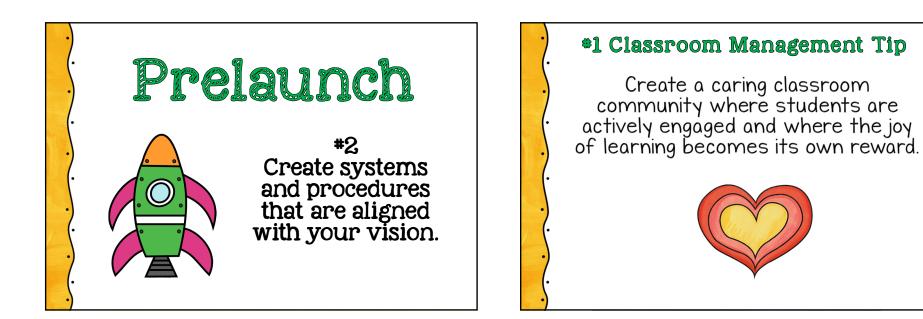


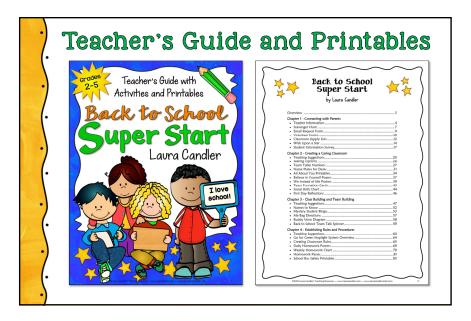
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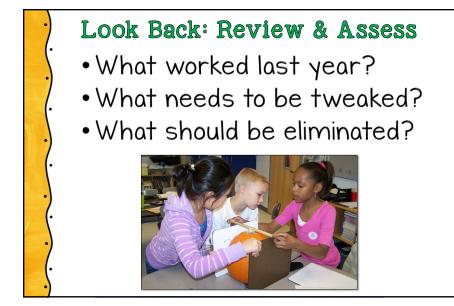


## How to Make Self-fulfilling Prophecy Work for You

- Tell your class that you KNOW this will be the best year ever!
- Look for the spark of goodness in each child and fan those flames.
- Remember that the students who present the greatest challenges are often the ones who bring you the greatest joy!



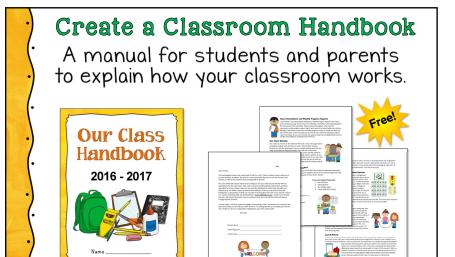




## Look Ahead: What Will Be New?

- New academic programs
- New policies and procedures
- Curriculum changes
- Testing changes
- New grade level or subject area

You're ready for the next step....

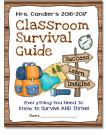


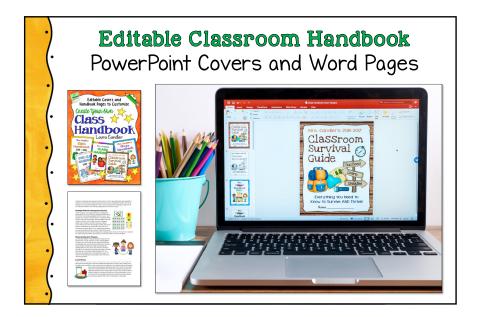
## Why Create a Class Handbook?

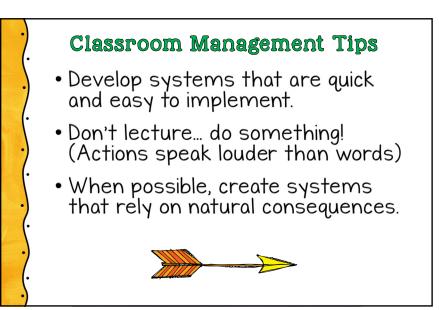
- Helps you think through all your procedures and systems
- Prevents misunderstandings about grading and homework policies
- Shows that you are organized and have systems in place
- Handbooks are great to give new students and their parents.

## What Should You Include?

- Welcome letter
- Best way to contact you
- Class website or blog info
- · Homework and grading policies
- Snack guidelines
- Birthday party policies
- List of classmates' names
- Classroom lunch schedule
- Supply list or materials requested
- Brief descriptions of instructional methods (i.e., cooperative learning, literature circles, reading workshop, etc.)

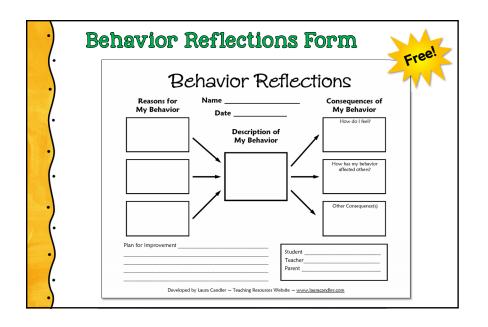






## **Examples of Natural Consequences**

- Remove disruptive students from an activity and give them an alternate assignment.
- When students make a mess, have them clean it up.
- If the class can't handle an active lesson, stop the activity and assign seatwork instead.
- Encourage students to apologize.



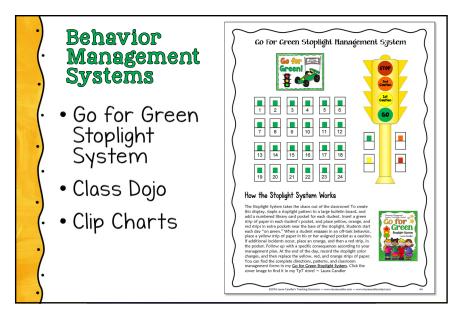
#### Align Systems With Your Beliefs

- Make every attempt to be fair. However, don't let students engage you in discussions about fairness.
- Avoid humiliation, shaming, and sarcasm.
- Be consistent. Don't be easy on your students one day and tough on them the next.

#### Abide By Your School's Policies

- Know your school's policies inside and out. Only use strategies that your administration will support.
- Don't threaten to do something you know you would never do.





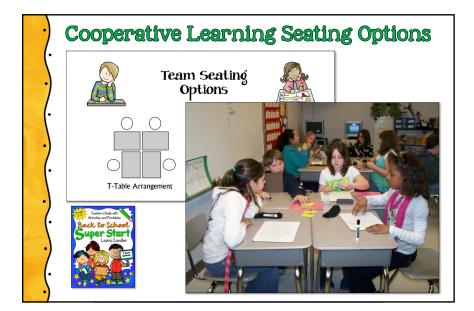


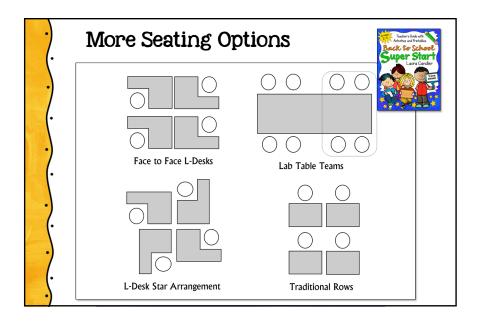
## Planning for Cooperative Learning

- Optimal team size?
- First day seating?
- Assigned seats vs. student choice



• Suggestion: Plan to change seats every day for 2 or 3 days; observe students assign permanent teams







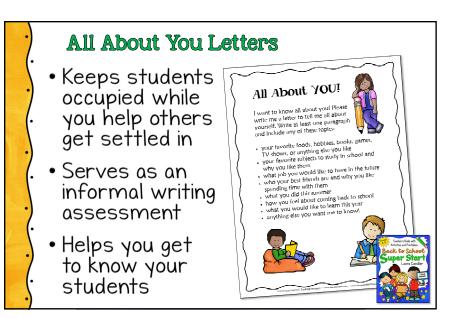


#### Welcome and Share Your Vision

 Start by welcoming your students and telling them a little about yourself.



- Share your excitement about the coming school year and how glad you are to have them in your class.
- Introduce the All About You Letters assignment and provide class time for writing letters.



#### **Establishing Expectations**

- Speak to students in a warm and friendly manner, but don't ignore behaviors you won't ignore later.
- If you need to address behavior issues, treat each situation as an opportunity to teach procedures and establish your expectations.
- Introduce your management system as soon as it's needed.

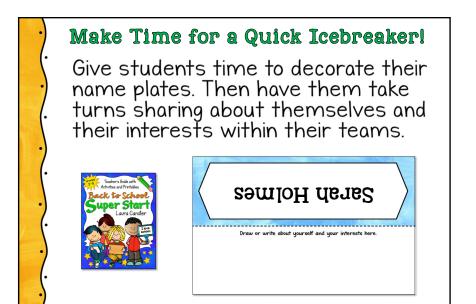
#### **Introducing Class Procedures**

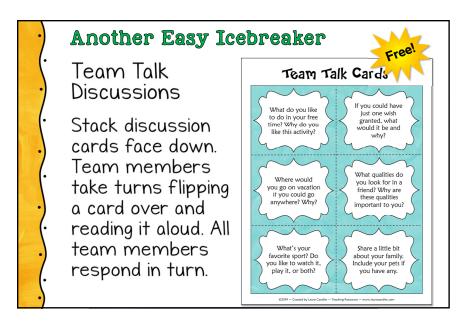
• Give each student a class handbook to begin reading.

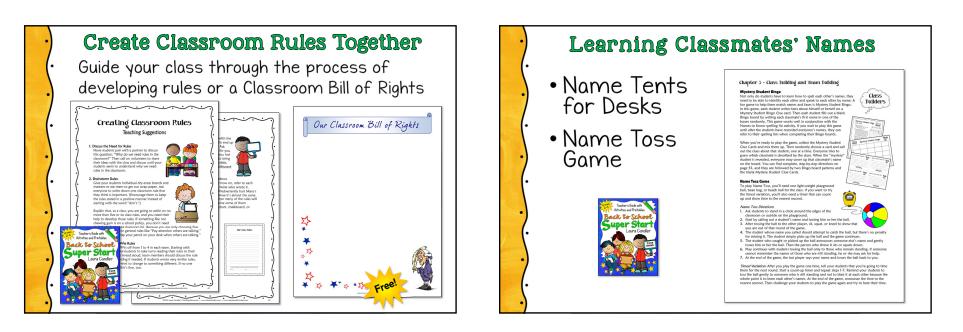
needed and not all at once.

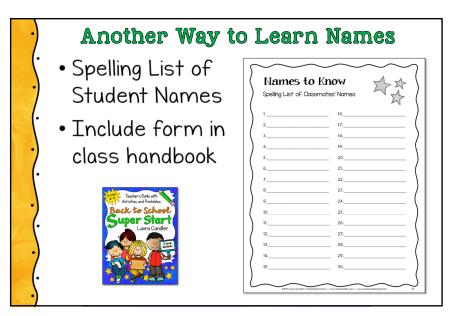
• Teach procedures as

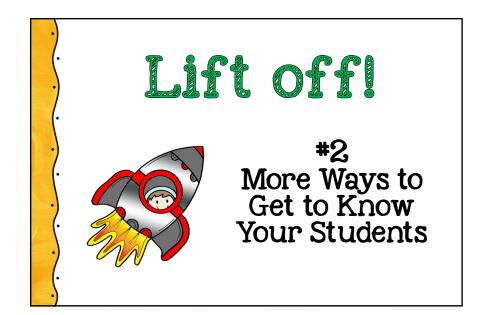
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- Allow plenty of time to introduce each procedure and practice it.
- Be patient... students are a year younger than your last class!



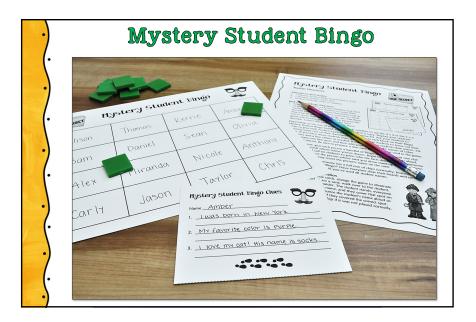




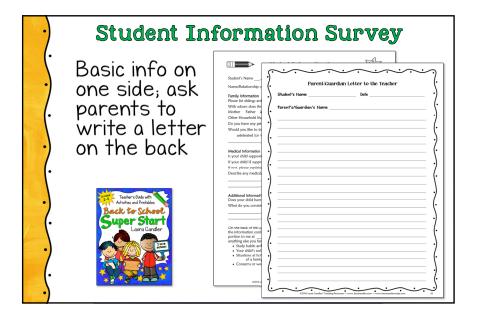


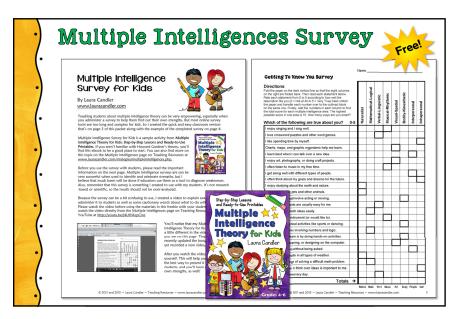


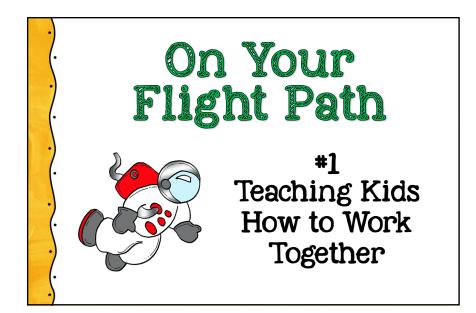
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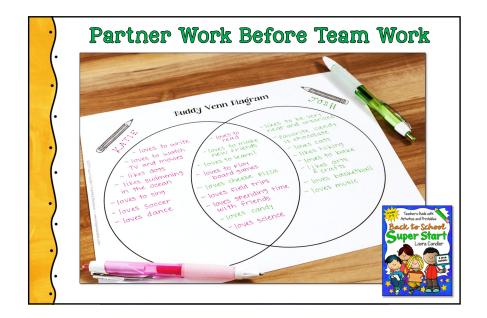


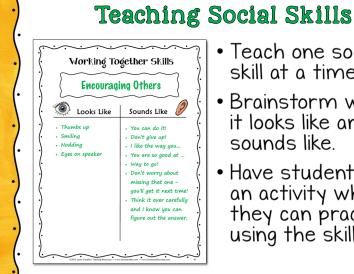




 Always give clear and specific directions



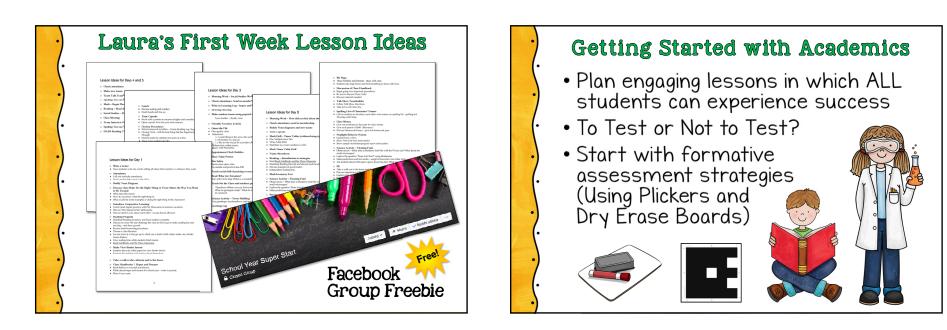




- Teach one social skill at a time.
- Brainstorm what it looks like and sounds like.
- Have students do an activity where they can practice using the skill.

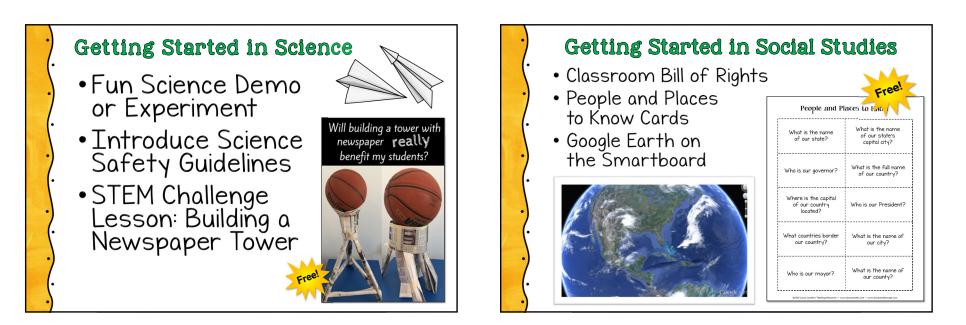


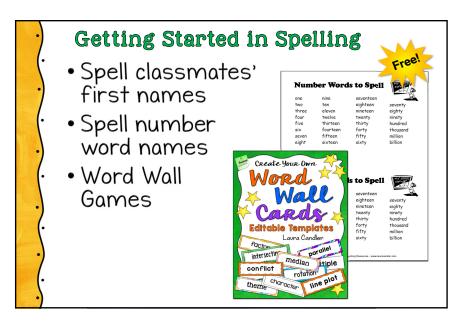
















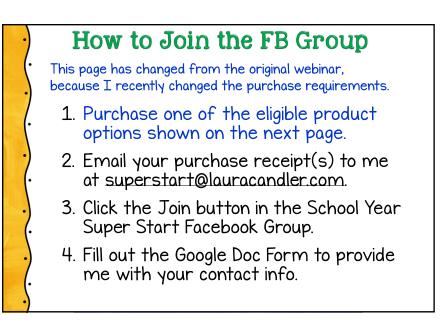












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