How to Launch a Super School Year Webinar Handout Slides







Let's Do a Quick Tech Check

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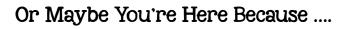


- on a laptop or desktop computer (not a mobile device)
- Fast Internet connection is best
- Close any open browser tabs and computer apps
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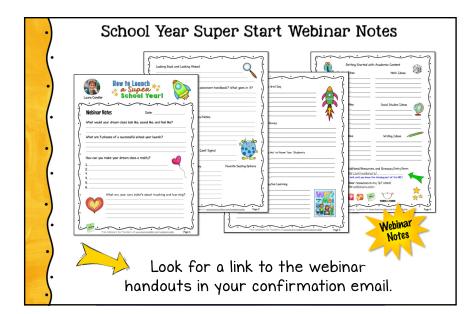
Why Are You Here?



- 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.

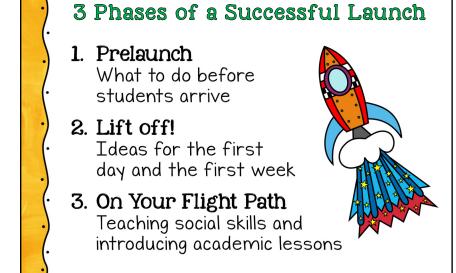


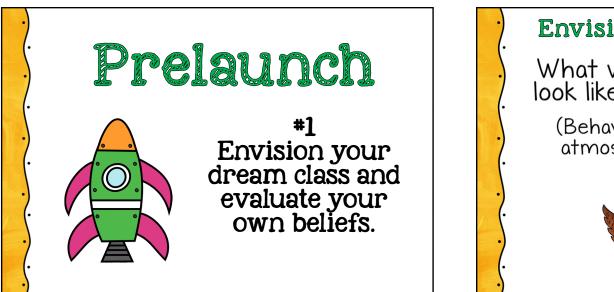
- You've struggled with classroom management, and you're looking for practical strategies that will work.
- You're looking for some quick and easy back-to-school activities.
- You need a little motivation and inspiration to start the year!

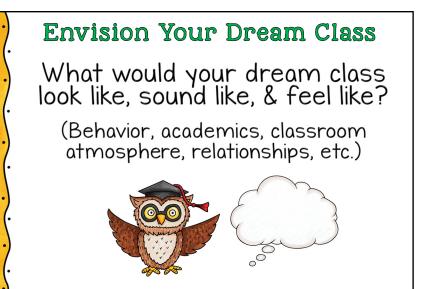












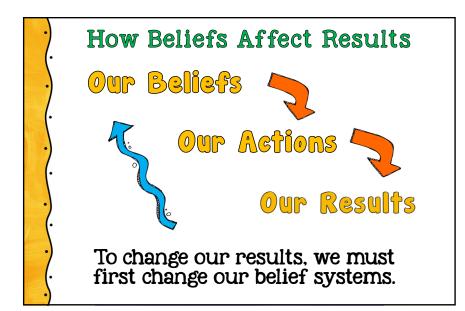
Is This an Impossible Dream?

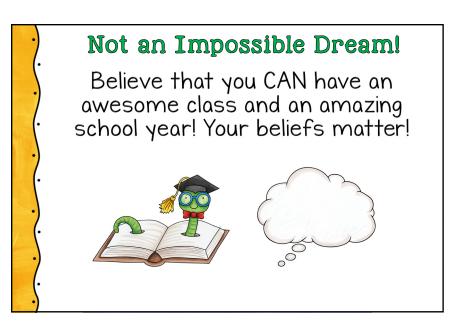
Do you believe you can have an awesome class and an amazing school year? Why or why not?



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.

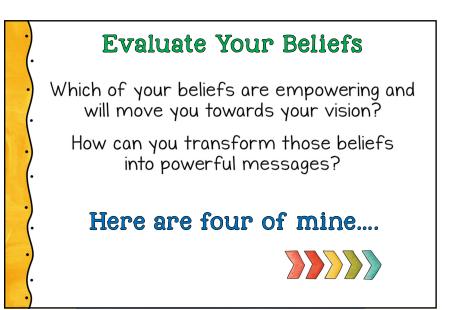
Evaluate your current beliefs.

Adopt only empowering beliefs.

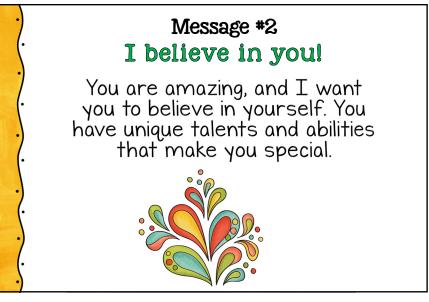
Communicate your beliefs.

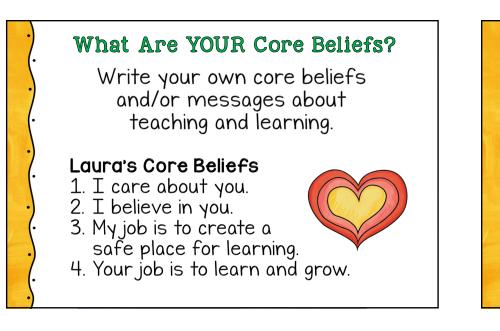
Credte a classroom environment that is aligned with your beliefs.

Celebrate every success!



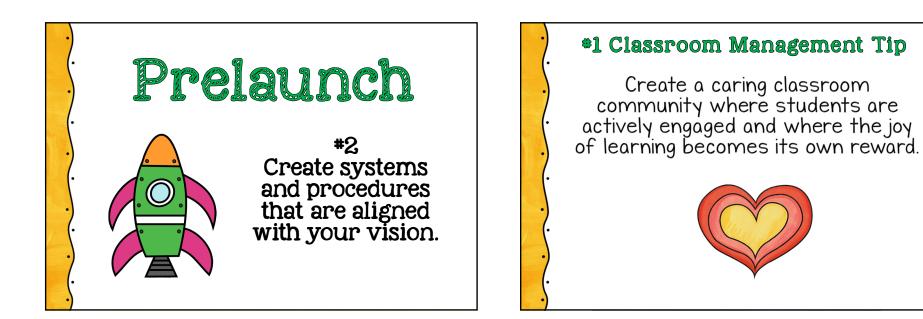


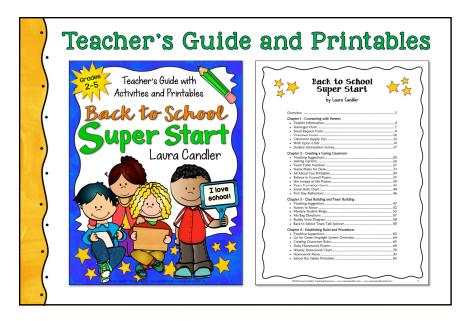


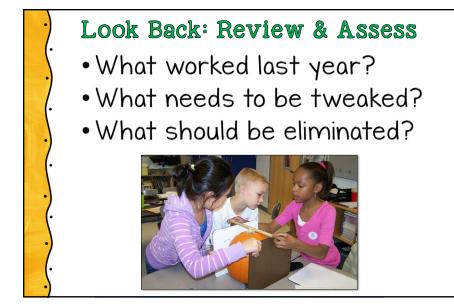


How to Make Self-fulfilling Prophecy Work for You

- 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!



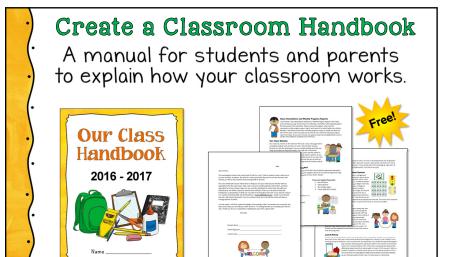




Look Ahead: What Will Be New?

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

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

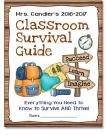


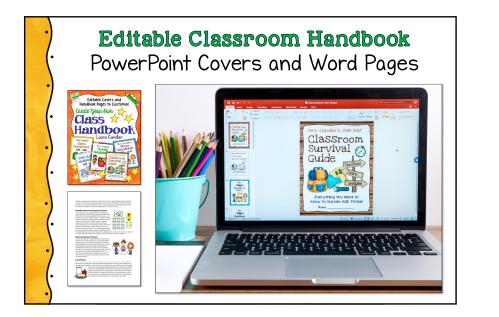
Why Create a Class Handbook?

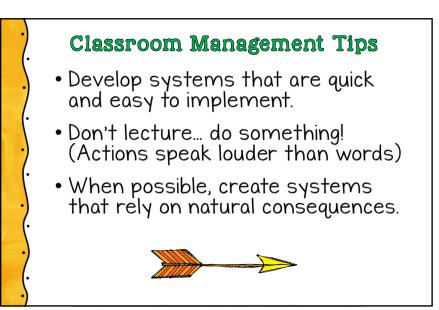
- Helps you think through all your procedures and systems
- Prevents misunderstandings about grading and homework policies
- Shows that you are organized and have systems in place
- Handbooks are great to give new students and their parents.

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.)

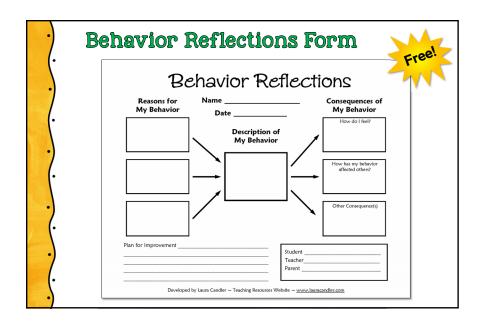






Examples of Natural Consequences

- 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.



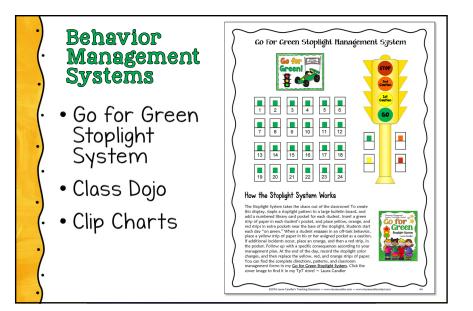
Align Systems With Your Beliefs

- 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.





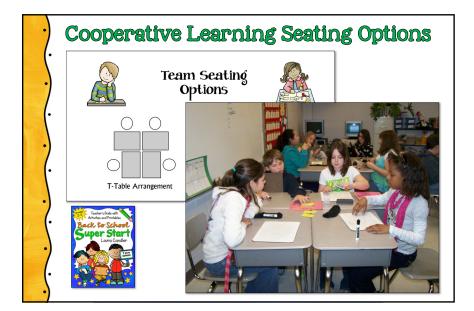


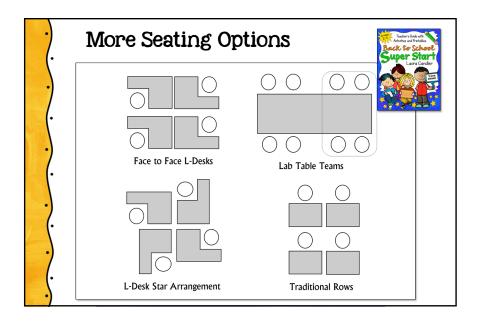
Planning for Cooperative Learning

- 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







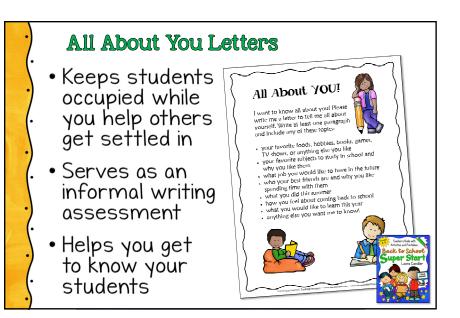


Welcome and Share Your Vision

 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.

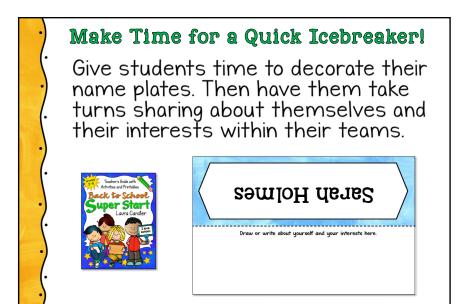
Introducing Class Procedures

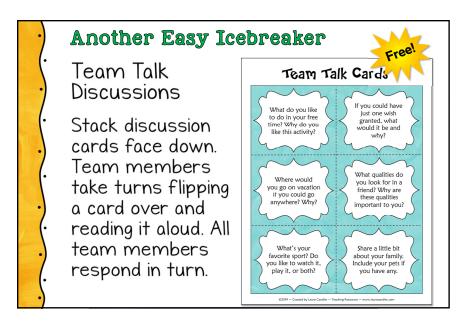
• Give each student a class handbook to begin reading.

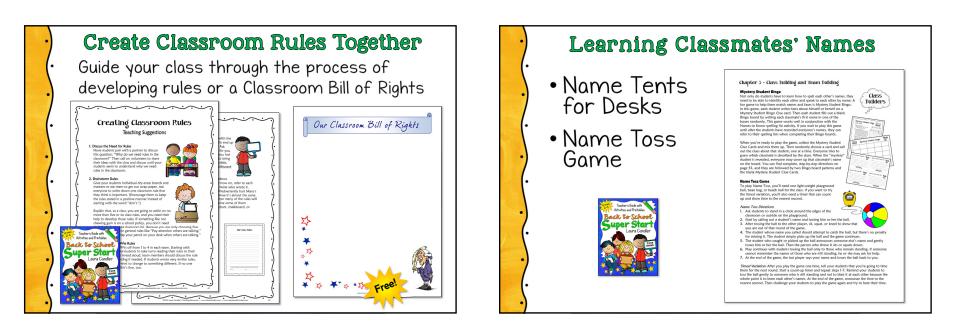
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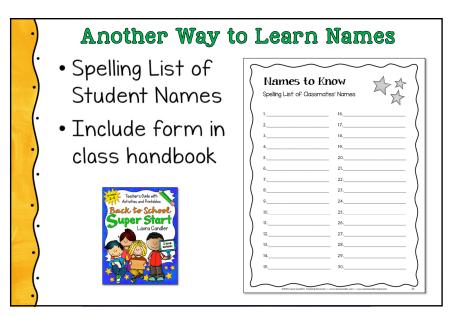
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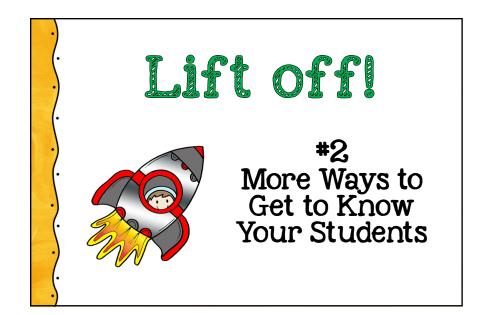
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- Allow plenty of time to introduce each procedure and practice it.
- Be patient... students are a year younger than your last class!



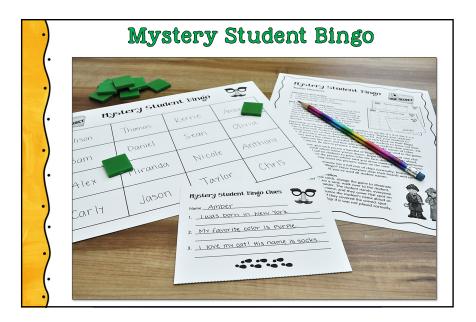




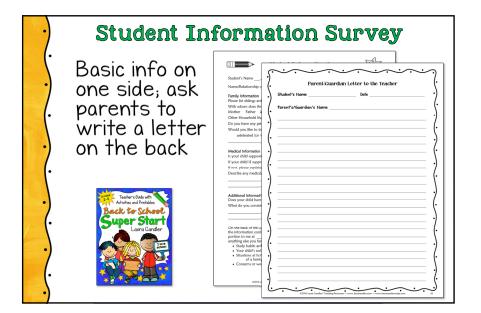


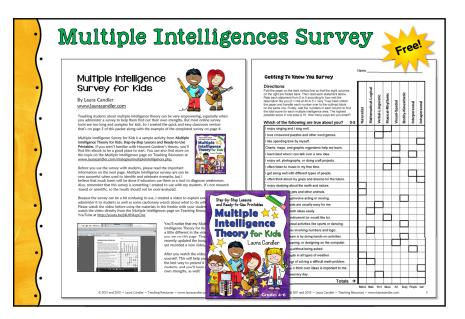


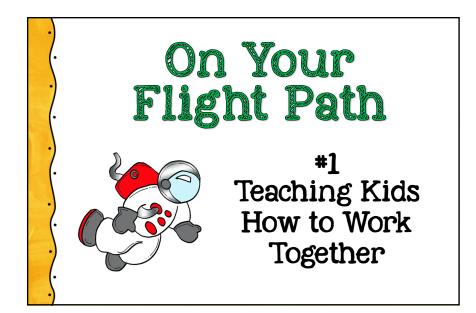
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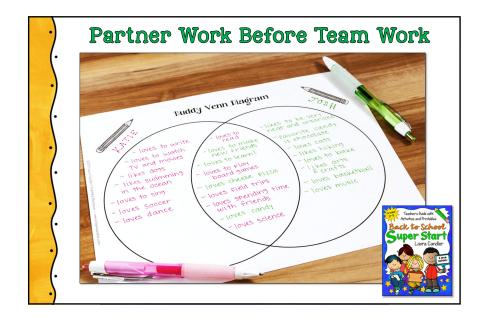


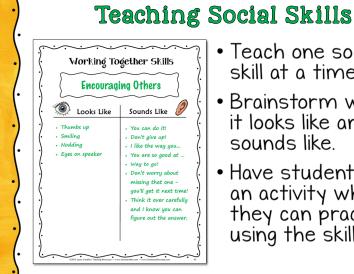




 Always give clear and specific directions



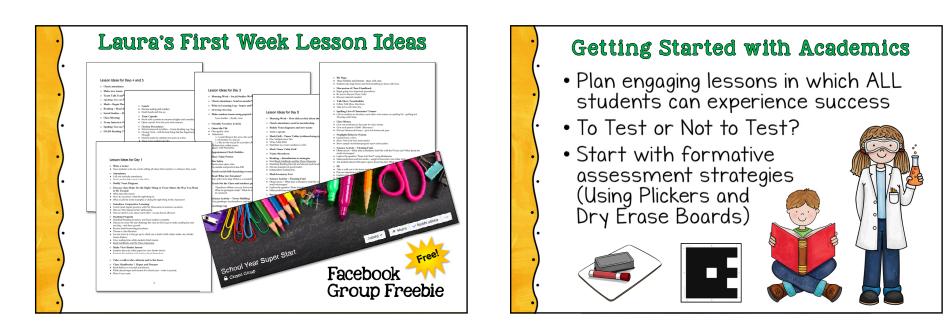




- Teach one social skill at a time.
- Brainstorm what it looks like and sounds like.
- Have students do an activity where they can practice using the skill.

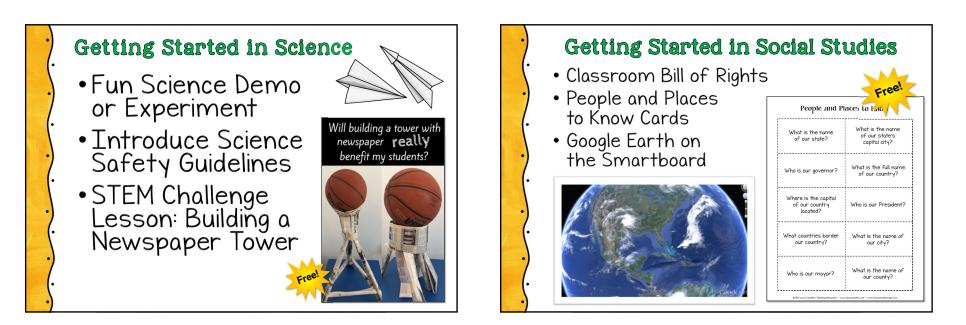


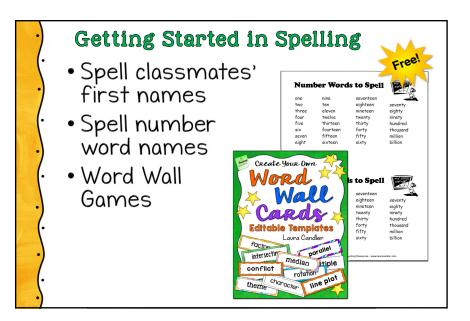








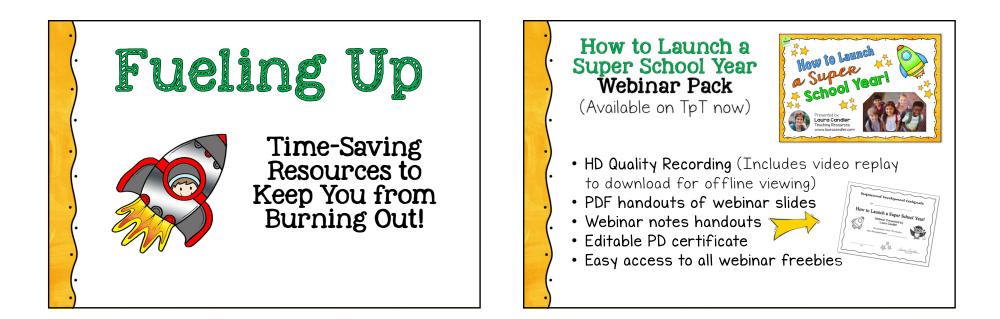




















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