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DianneA: OK have you Texans brought a topic for discussion to today's session too?

AshliC: let's talk about the stress of student teaching

AshliC: that seems to be a popular subject lately

KathrynMN: I agree, I am stressed too!!

DianneA bangs with a gavel for silence .. to convene the session, since Bj has announced

CandaceDa: We could talk about working with students who are on different levels...

DianneA: Welcome all

AmyAl: I am so grateful its coming to a close

LeslieAW: It's not that stressful-just the extra class

DianneA: to Tapped IN and to today's session of Teachers in Training

DianneA: first a tip or two ...

DianneA: you might like to open your chat in the DETACHED space to keep track of the conversation here ...

DianneA: does anyone NOT KNOW how to do that?

StephaniAS: YES

LeslieAW: Me

DianneA: OK see the Actions menu at the top right hand corner of your chat space

AndreaLV: go up to the tab where it says actions and click detach

DianneA: click on that, scroll down and click on the DETACH option

LeslieAW: got it

DianneA: that will open you chat in a new window

DianneA: bigger

AshliC left the room.

LeslieAW: yes it is

DianneA: size it to take up the full length of one side of your screen

NiurkaD: done!

DianneA: Second tip ... if you are all from Texas Houston there is little point in checking out introductions so if you need to find out about someone who is chatting here then use the highlight the name under the **HERE** tab, and click on the green **I** icon to open their profile in the main window ...

DianneA waits until everyone is settled

DianneA: OK, earlier some one asked that the topic for today's conversation be about stress ...

AnaVa: sounds good

NiurkaD: good!

HeatherNW: k

LuciaGo: Yes

LeslieAW: yes

KristineMu: yes, that would be a great topic

AndreaLV: sounds great

DianneA: is there someone that has a story about stress that they would like to share to get us under way ...

ZahraH: YES!

DianaA: sounds good

MeganSa: perfect

AshliC: the drama of the third grade classroom

LauraYS: ok

DianneA: something that sort of epitomizes how it occurs in your teaching practice

AnaVa: u too?

AshliC: I'm thinking of making a movie about it

KristineMu: handling student teaching and three additional classes with 20 assignments due

JenniferB3: my teacher wants me to be "meaner"

DianneA: and what issues that might raise for you ...

KaytanaB: well there are many stressors in the classroom

KaytanaB: socially and then academically

AshliC: It's hard when you have students with special needs

JessicaI: I am in a classroom where I do not feel very welcomed by my SBTE

DaraS: being comfortable with someone looking over your shoulder every time I teach a lesson

JenniferB3: I understand you Jessica

JessicaI: yes Dara I feel you

JessicaI: do you have the same problem Jennifer

HeatherNW: I try to enter each day as a new one and not think about what went on yesterday, that seems to work for me.

DianaA: That must be horrible Jessica

JustinH: how about disrespect to the teacher?

AmyAl: My SBTE has already dismissed me from any activity

TrinhN: sorry to hear that Jessica

JenniferB3: Feeling like you do not have the opportunity to reflect

DaraS: what

AnaVa: wow

LeslieAW: Wow Amy

ZahraH: Not having a whole lot of authority some students will treat you as a second class citizen

AndreaLV: that's crazy

NiurkaD: I can not complain about my SBTE she has make my second rotation excellent. But I agree about the stress on the assignment due date.

CandaceDa: I haven't dealt with stress because of this, but there is a lot of pressure on my teacher and her team to get their students on reading level when they entered 1st grade below level...

KathrynMN: I am having a problem with students working together and respecting each other. I am in a third grade classroom and everyone is tattling

LuciaGo: Oh no that's crazy

AnaVa: right now getting them ready for taks

AshliC: Oh yeah the tattling gets very old

KristineMu: I have the problem of special ed students who completely misbehave constantly

JenniferB3: I have tattling in my class. I started a tattle box

TrinhN: same here, I stress with the assignment due date, on top of that, a texes exam before the assignment due date.

AshliC: I have that problem too Kristine

MeganSa: I think just transitioning from classes on how to operate a classroom to operating a classroom of our own has been the biggest shock.

LeslieAW: I can not complain about my class or SBTE or school-I really got lucky.....just the extra class is stressful

AshleyED: As a pre-service teacher we have a lot of stress not only from the classroom that we are teaching in, but also with our own school work and responsibilities.

DaraS: Jennifer I heard of that before does it work

NicoleL: I can't stand the constant fighting over line position! :)

JessicaCo: What is the tattle box, Jennifer?

AmyAl: 5th grade kids are great up until last period

HeatherNW: Jennifer I love the tattle box

ZahraH: Jennifer that's a great idea!

KristineMu: yea, yea, yea Leslie

NiurkaD: Trinh I am with you. I am taking my Bil. Generalist on Sat

LauraYS: My problem is how do you get a student to be engaged after they have already "checked-out" for the rest of the year?

AshliC: I love the tattle box too

AnaVa: I know what u mean, it just a line

TrinhN: Hey Amy, good thing you got this whole week off!

AndreaLV: my kids in 2nd grade like to tattle a lot too

MeganSa: I can't complain about my school either! It's just all stuff I'm not used too.

ZahraH: Oh yeah they do

AnaVa: my school is great

PriscillaO: is there a consistent topic of discussion?

AndreaLV: its gets annoying after every 3 minutes

AnaVa: my sbte is great

ShelleyAd: yeah

AnaVa: kids have their moments

JenniferB3: I just created a box and they write down their tattles and put it in. They understand that if it's something major, they come to me.

AmyAl: Like someone earlier I don't want to be mean unless I really have to

ShelleyAd: Are we all discussing one topic?

ZahraH: you are right Ana

LeslieAW: Don't be jealous Kristine;)

AshliC: well technically we are discussing one topic

JessicaI: tattle box I never heard of it, but sounds excellent

JessicaCo: Oh, I see. That is very creative.

AshliC: but I think it went 20 different directions

PriscillaO: can we focus on one direction?

VuthearyH: yes please

HeatherNW: in my class the students are only allowed to tattle during pe and after school. They never show up!

ZahraH: How does the tattle box work Jennifer?

AndreaLV: I think my tattle box would be filled in 10 minutes

AmyAl: Trinh I KNOW it allows me to catch up

AndreaLV: I would need a tattle tank

DianaA: yes!!!

JenniferB3: It is a little much at first, they start writing down stuff like "I want to tattle on Susie"

NicoleL: why during pe?

JenniferB3: but after a few days, it settles down

StefanieO: Hello everyone, I had trouble connecting to the internet. Is it too late for me to join this group?

KaytanaB: well currently there are three Priscilla SBTE stress, tattling among younger school children, and the struggle to balance work and then our student responsibilities

LauraYS: No

LeslieAW: I think we should get through the topic of the tattle box first

MeganSa: I love it Andrea! Tattle tank! :)

ZahraH: ah I see

TrinhN: Hey Amy, I'm so glad that you do. How was your bulletin board going?? I gotta see it tomorrow.

AnaVa: tattle tank...lol

HeatherNW: because they don't want to miss pe nor do they want to stay after school

PriscillaO: Can I please make an announcement?

TrinhN: sounds good, tattle box everyone!!

AnaVa: yes

NicoleL: oh I see

StephaniAS: Sure

KristineMu: I need to set up a tattle box, but then I couldn't read my students writing, maybe that's good

ShelleyAd: I have a question then...what is tattle box?

AmyAl: BBoard went well & yours

DaraS: I wish we could make a tattle box for kinder kids

AndreaLV: seriously that's the way it seems sometimes

AnaVa: I have heard of t

PriscillaO: Can I please make an announcement?

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AnaVa: they draw pictures and write whatever

TrinhN: same here.. I tried it today, and the students really had fun with it..

AmyAl: yea

AnaVa: they think they tattling

LeslieAW: yes Priscilla

StefanieO: Tattle boxes for kinder would be great but they can't write very well yet

DaraS: cute idea Ana

JenniferB3: You absolutely can for kinders! Mine is for first grade

JessicaCo: Shelley, scroll up. It whizzed by so fast

MayraC: Tattle sounds good but I do not get much of it in 8th grade

OmarT: sure

NicoleL: I usually try to encourage the kids to work it out themselves and only come to me if they can't

LauraYS: I am so lost

AndreaLV: have them draw a picture about what happened because they cant write...lol

DaraS: it'd be amusing

AmyAl: great

DianaA: go ahead Priscilla

ShelleyAd: my question has not yet been answered

PriscillaO: If we have private conversations, can we please send private messages

AnaVa: yeah, it can be

PriscillaO: that way there is no confusion and everyone has a chance to speak

LuciaGo: I agree!

ShelleyAd: I second that Priscilla

JenniferB3: The bottom line is that they don't interrupt you every five minutes

DianaA: Thank you

KaytanaB: I agree

MeganSa: I second that Priscilla

MayraC: agree

TrinhN: diddo!

StephaniAS: Great idea

ShelleyAd: we should all be sharing ideas/thoughts

KristineMu: sounds good

PriscillaO: Good :-)

NiurkaD: Great idea!

DianaA: We've lost Dianne

AmyAl: sound like a winner

AnaVa: in 3rd grade we have them work out their problems by rock paper scissor

PriscillaO: Now...what's the topic?

KristineMu: So, what is the topic tonight?

BjB: the topic is stress in the classroom

LeslieAW: okay focus everyone

HeatherNW: stress in student teaching

StephaniAS: I think we come up with the topic

JenniferB3: We were discussing the issue of tattling in the classroom and how to handle it

KaytanaB: so which stressor would we like to discuss first

DaraS: yes bc that was stressing someone

KristineMu: I try not to have stress, but it is so natural when you teach 24, yes I said 24

kinder students who half are special ed

ShelleyAd: I work with sixth graders and tattling is NOT an issue at all, lets make the topic more universal

ZahraH: But sometimes some kids will really bully each other. When do you know to take the tattling seriously?

KaytanaB: but not all of us are Early childhood teachers

PriscillaO: OMG Kristine!

LeslieAW: wow Kristine

HeatherNW: oh my

DianaA: I agree Shelley

PriscillaO: how do you handle it?

KristineMu: I feel like a recorder, saying things, over and over and over

MeganSa: I'm ready to move away from the stress because stressing about it is not going to help me

NiurkaD: I agree with Shelley.

MeganSa: I have something I would like to discuss...

LuciaGo: I agree Shelley

AmyAl: vitamin b and count to 10

OmarT: Tell us Megan

KristineMu: I look at the 2 weeks we have left, hah

AnaVa: I know I tell ask them whether its a 3rd grade problem or teacher problem

JenniferB3: How about classroom management ?

AshleyED: I have 24 Pre-K kids in the morning with 5 being EC and I have 22 in the PM. The stress has to be left at the door when you see their little faces just waiting to learn and have fun.

StephaniAS: Go ahead Megan

KristineMu: CHOCOLATE

NiurkaD: Good point Jennifer.

StefanieO: I thought of a way to try to get rid of tattling just the other day. For every tattle, a cube (or something) can be added to a balance scale. The less students tattle, the less goes in the scale. So, eventually if the scale doesn't move, they can win something.

JenniferB3: Nice idea Stefanie. Way to incorporate math!

AnaVa: sounds good

AshliC: That's a good idea Stefanie

DaraS: I like idea Stefanie

NiurkaD: classroom management sounds good

JessicaCo: One thing I encountered that was not only stressful, but also discouraging was a lesson that didn't go as planned. I heard someone say to not let that get to you...something is always taught, even in the worst lessons. That is the best advice I've heard

LauraYS: I agree let's talk about classroom management

AshleyED: I like that idea Stefanie

JessicaI: wow, I really like the scale idea

StefanieO: Thanks!

MeganSa: I had a situation at school and I took care of it. The student went home and told his parents a complete and utter lie! A different story!! Now the parent is after me!

HeatherNW: great idea

PriscillaO: great idea

StefanieO: don't you just love that?

MeganSa: I am a student teacher...my coop. teacher is trying to cover me but this parent is angry!!

AndreaLV: wow that is crazy what happened Megan?

ShelleyAd: yeah Priscilla, great idea

TrinhN: classroom management sounds good.

JustinH: Let us talk about classroom management.

StefanieO: I have a parent after me too

JenniferB3: How can you motivate a student...who just won't do anything?!

PriscillaO: I have the biggest issue of my students looking at me as a friend and not taking me seriously

VuthearyH: me too!

AnaVa: I have one that doesn't care

ShelleyAd: How do you deal with students who DO NOT want to participate?

KristineMu: that's a good question Jennifer

PriscillaO: I have to make huge changes

AnaVa: and has issue with skin color

AshleyED: I think classroom management has to be altered per class per student each year.

DianaA: It is hard Priscilla

LuciaGo: Me too Priscilla

AshliC: Classroom management can be a challenge

JessicaI: yes Ashley that's true not all methods work for all students

LeslieAW: already dealing with the parents Megan-uh

MayraC: me too Priscilla, until I had to write someone up

PriscillaO: now I'm way more serious and they think I'm mean, but we still have fun and they DO listen

LauraYS: I have the same problem Jennifer, how do you motivate a student who has already "checked-out" for the year?

PriscillaO: you can't give them too many warnings

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JenniferB3: When I make a reward system for him completing his work, others who always complete their work get upset because they don't get rewarded

PriscillaO: I have a 1 strike policy now

KaytanaB: oh wow

ShelleyAd: I am very strict

JessicaI: I have a collaborative behavior plan

KaytanaB: I let them know they have a choice

TrinhN: I do the same Priscilla. The students get upset, but eventually, they're a kid again, and doesn't hold grudges.

ZahraH: I just learned that Priscilla that was my problem giving too many warnings

MayraC: The student forget and the next day they will not remember

ShelleyAd: I am not going to ask them three times. no way.

KristineMu: we have to be the enforcer, kids need discipline

JenniferB3: Tell me about it Jessica

DianaA: they hate it when you're strict, they take it personally

KathrynMN: I think you have to be strict in the beginning to let them know you are an authority figure and then you can relax once everyone knows their boundaries

JustinH: Be strict at the beginning.

AnaVa: Be consistent and follow through

JessicaI: students sit in groups, every time a table is behaving and doing their work I give them a point

AndreaLV: yes i have to give only one warning now before i discipline otherwise they just continue to test me

ZahraH: Now if I say something I am consistent and they know I mean it

CandaceDa: I thought I was good at classroom management but now I'm trying to learn the "love and logic" technique and it's difficult but it really helps the students make decisions for themselves

LauraYS: My first grader is on a behavior plan BUT he still doesn't do anything

KaytanaB: whether to go with the program and work in a cohesive classroom environment

DianaA: YES consistency is very important

JessicaI: by the end of the week the table with the most points gets a prize

StefanieO: I have a child that will walk out of the room whenever he feels like it. He does it because he doesn't care about what's going on. So, I've been asking him to be my helper. I wasn't sure it would work because we I'm in 4th grade but it did!

AshliC: The being consistent is the toughest part

AnaVa: its easier to soften then to toughen

TrinhN: definitely, you have to be consistent

ZahraH: I agree Ashli

JessicaI: this method really works

KaytanaB: or be disruptive and deal with the principals

AshleyED: Love and logic.....that sounds interesting.

ShelleyAd: Oh yeah

LuciaGo: Oh yes, but they also get out of hand when you are too nice, since they don't respect you they way they should.

JessicaI: I also do a countdown

JenniferB3: good idea.

AnaVa: yeah helper thing works

AnaVa: but only so much

LuciaGo: there has to be a balance

DaraS: I count down too

ShelleyAd: Countdown works sometimes

AmyAl: teacher set the tone in the classroom and there is a way to be firm and kind at the same time

JessicaI: and do lots of praise, at the end of the day we recognize students who have done good deeds

StefanieO: I'm sure it wouldn't work with everyone

KristineMu: I like the countdown method

JenniferB3: I am following through, moving his clips when necessary. He doesn't care if he moves to the very top.

KristineMu: It usually works

LeslieAW: I give one warning and then they color down-I swear with my class all I have to do is tell them to stop what they are doing and they do-my teacher has them all in check!

ShelleyAd: When you are working with older kids, some of those techniques just don't work on them

HeatherNW: it is hard to set rules because they are not your own

DianneA: ANNOUCEMENT - I have added a file about stress and about its management to my profile if anyone would like to download it and check it out for future reference ... to access that, highlight my name, click on the green I icon and then when my profile opens in your main screen scroll down until you see the file on stress and then download it ..

JessicaI: other students recognize them and those recognized get a sticker, it sounds silly but the students ENJOY it and appreciate it

TrinhN: the countdown method works wells for me

DianaA: unfortunately that balance is such a thin line

AnaVa: it works but it can't be done for everything, knwo what I mean

KathrynMN: Thanks Dianne!

LeslieAW: thanks Dianne

MeganSa: I also feel like you have to follow up or they do not think you will hold them accountable

AshliC: Thanks

CandaceDa: Thank you Dianne

KristineMu: Thanks Dianne

StefanieO: thank you Diane

ShelleyAd: thanks

TrinhN: yeah

AndreaLV: my kids are hilarious, u can tell them to color down and they start crying

KaytanaB: thanks

AnaVa: thank you

LauraYS: thanks

LuciaGo: Thanks Dianne I will surely download it.

DaraS: mine too Andrea

StefanieO: It's hard finding every child's niche

AndreaLV: I feel bad when I see them cry but it is necessary

AmyAl: in the 5th grade recess is removed, this seems to work

AshliC: I'm definitely going to have to go back and reread this discussion

AshliC: I can't keep up

LeslieAW: mine too Andrea-same neighborhood

VuthearyH: me too

JenniferB3: same problem Ashli

ShelleyAd: SO you work with high schoolers Andrea? haha kidding

LauraYS : same here

NiurkaD: I have a student that interrupts the lesson all the time. He is doing this to get attention. So what I do to keep him in control is to make him feel special by giving him responsibly. In this way, he stays still and participates.

ZahraH: What is color down?

TrinhN: my 4th grade only have 5-7 minutes recess

StefanieO: WHAT?

VuthearyH: Great idea Niurka

KathrynMN: I have a problem with a student crying every time he is in trouble. He is in third grade and cries like a pre-k kids. Really loud and disrupts class

AndreaLV: there is sometimes too when they do something that they are not suppose to do or say.. but it is totally hilarious

DaraS: Zahra its like an infraction

JenniferB3: Niurka....I've tried that. But then the others get upset because they aren't rewarded

AndreaLV: I find it is hard not to laugh

ZahraH: Oh okay thanks Dara

TrinhN: that's seems enough for them to run around

NiurkaD: Thanks

DaraS: ur welcome

AmyAl: sounds like prof. help is needed for cryer

LeslieAW: they move their clip to a different color in which the discipline gets worse

HeatherNW: 5-7 min for recess I think my kids would hurt each other if that was all the time they had outside

MayraC: I think that the criers just want attention

KristineMu: My additional stress factor in the classroom is a new student who knows

nothing

NiurkaD: Try to give each group a manager do things and that special child do others

StefanieO: A few weeks ago I was doing a new thing that if a few children are being disruptive/off task, the whole class would get punished

StefanieO: I stopped that that week

DianaA: Most of the time

CandaceDa: When my students cry it is because they are really upset because they do not get in trouble a lot.

DianaA: but it also depends how small they are

JessicaI: if you make students responsible for one another or have them feel responsible a lot of management issues are solved, because everyone is working together for the same goal

VuthearyH: I tried that Stefanie, it didn't work.

KathrynMN: But sometimes the kids who are really well behaved and sensitive internalize the whole classroom punishment.

LeslieAW: That sounds like our second grade Stefanie

AshleyED: If they want attention, they need it for a reason. Perhaps there is a deeper issue there.

MayraC: I agree Jessica

KaytanaB: yah I agree with Mayra so I would ignore that behavior and immediately congratulate students who are on task or participating, the crying will eventually stop

HeatherNW: in my second grade class they would get min. taken off recess for how ever many times I had to ask them to be silent

DianneA: ANNOUNCEMENT we also had a conversation about stress and humour and teachers at the last Festival and you can get a transcript of that discussion from the Tapped In archives ...

StefanieO: I agree too Jessica but it's not that easy

TrinhN: I agree with Kaytana

StefanieO: Some kids have behavioral problems and they really don't care what anyone thinks

LeslieAW: I'm not sure I agree with punishing the whole class if only a few were acting up

ZahraH: My SBTE has started this thing where she lets them listen to Radio Disney on Fridays if they have been good all week. I never knew just how much kids like music it works wonders!

ShelleyAd: working as a team with other teacher?

AshliC: Hey, I have a question. Have you guys ever heard of a game where the rub an eraser on their hand to see how long they can last

AmyAl: thank you Dianna

ShelleyAd: good topic?

KathrynMN: I agree with that Stephine

AnaVa: yeah it hard when they don't care

LauraYS: have one of those

StefanieO: I tried it and I don't like it

AnaVa: I try showing I care

HeatherNW: some kids come from homes that are not typical

StefanieO: I think I'd do it in extreme situations only

TrinhN: I haven't heard of that game

StephaniAS: I don't think you should punish the whole class either.

JenniferB3: last to what Ashli?

AnaVa: but what's been working is giving them the same response back

AshliC: How long they can take the pain

KristineMu: You should not punish the whole class, it is not fair

JenniferB3: no!!

AshliC: Because, eventually, they rub their skin off

KristineMu: just the individual student

StefanieO: and the whole class would have to get fair warning that punishing the whole class will be a consequence

AnaVa: and praising the ones who have

JenniferB3: Oh I see...no, I heard about the choking thing though

AshliC: Yeah, I know me too

HeatherNW: they are quick to make sure that their friends get quiet

AshliC: We had an officer come to a faculty meeting and talk about it

AshliC: it was upsetting

JenniferB3: wow

KristineMu: I learned that positive reinforcement is the only thing that works with my kids, finding anything is good

JessicaI: someone was choking?

AshliC: no it's a game they play

AshliC: well they call it a game

ZahraH: what is it?

JenniferB3: A game...they choke each other to see if they can pass out

DaraS: where they stop breathing

TrinhN: yeah, what is it?

AshliC: basically they choke themselves till they pass out

NiurkaD: A game

LuciaGo: What?

ZahraH: oh Goodness!

JustinH: What?

AshliC: The problem is, it's deadly

JessicaI: oh my goodness never heard of this

TrinhN: ehhh

AndreaLV: what grade is this in?

NiurkaD: What?

AshliC: All grades

HeatherNW: children are dying from that "game"

StephaniAS: That's crazy!

JenniferB3: Ashli.....tell them about the eraser

AshliC: It's a problem all over

LuciaGo: that is so crazy!!

DianneA: It is not as deadly as you might expect ...

KristineMu: Oh my, that's crazy

MayraC: Students in my school got arrested for doing that game

DianaA: Fortunately I haven't seen this

LeslieAW: what is this chocking stuff? Kids are doing this?!

KristineMu: what grade?

AnaVa: wow

LeslieAW: What school

AshliC: All schools

JustinH: Explain more?

AndreaLV: I can't imagine my kids doing that

LeslieAW: what?

LuciaGo: I never heard of this one before!

DaraS: me either

HeatherNW: all schools, all grade

TrinhN: same here.. I don't even want them to do it..

AshliC: basically, a person does it alone or with a friend

LeslieAW: mine neither

AmyAl: yet the choking game needs to be stopped

NiurkaD: I can't image!

AndreaLV: they seem to be too chicken to try something like that

AshliC: either they choke themselves or somebody chokes them

DianneA: once they pass out the autonomic nervous system takes over and they cannot stop themselves from breathing and trying to breath and they should regain consciousness after a while .. what it is not something everyone knows and so that can be upsetting

CandaceDa: I think it has been going around for a while but people did not really know about it.

MayraC: Yep. they get a high off of this

StefanieO: I have actually. Kids did it when I was in highschool..... 10 years ago

TrinhN: there should be a game that doesn't involve harm to them

StefanieO: it's crazy

JenniferET: I've never seen kids doing that in our school but I did it once when I was about 13. I can't believe they're making each other pass out in school.

AshliC: the problem is, a lot of times when they do it alone though, they have started using belts

ShelleyAd: Let's talk about working with other teachers in the school?

LauraYS: I find that with first grade a lot of positive reinforcement goes a long way. And when I was with fourth grade more subtle positive reinforcement such as putting a sticky on their desk telling them what a good job they were doing really helped them to stay on task

AmyAl: the brain loses oxygen

AshliC: and they hang themselves on it

DianaA: yes they do

HeatherNW: I remember when my friends did it when I was in school

KathrynMN: I know, that game has been around a while, not that many people do it. It is more talked about then anything

LuciaGo: Oh my, that is horrible.

AshliC: it can also cause permanent brain damage

ShelleyAd: no? ok.

KaytanaB: Yes Shelly Lets DO That

MayraC: yes Shelley

AnaVa: kills valuable brain cells

AshliC: We had one case in the district where a kid stroked out a couple days later because of it

VuthearyH: Yes Shelley

KristineMu: yes, Shelley

BjB . o O (and death)

NiurkaD: yes Shelley

TrinhN: yah, the game definitely gotta go if it kills the brain cells

ZahraH: I like the idea of sticky notes I might just try that!

PriscillaO: yes Shelley!

TrinhN: sounds good Shelley

AshliC: apparently you can find instructional videos on youtube

KristineMu: I work well with the other teachers and they value my opinion

VuthearyH: my 7th grade math team doesn't work together anymore

ShelleyAd: ok, has anyone gotten the chance to pull in other subjects into your lesson, or collaborate with another teacher?

MeganSa: Go Shelley

AshliC: it's disturbing

VuthearyH: No one shares ideas

StefanieO: Teacher collaboration - now I finally see what it's about

KathrynMN: you can find anything on youtube

StephaniAS: I love the teachers at my school

KaytanaB: I know it was kind of nerve racking at first since the SBTE's already had a set regimen and all

TrinhN: I feel like I enjoy workin' with other teachers in my grade.

NiurkaD: Shelley, In your school, do the teachers include or exclude bilingual teacher from planning together?

StefanieO: I used to think that I would do everything by myself but having a cooperating team matters so much

OmarT: Thanks for the tip Ashli, I have been looking for more videos to show in class

StephaniAS: I agree

KathrynMN: I am lucky to be at a school that really stresses the importance of collaboration

AndreaLV: yes it makes the workload easier to have partners to work with

KristineMu: the team really makes the grade level enjoyable

LeslieAW: I like the teams I have been a part of

DaraS: collaboration is the best

JessicaI: in my school Niurka they do exclude one another

CandaceDa: We do not have bilingual teachers at my school but at my old school they did and they were included in planning

ShelleyAd: include her.

NicoleL: we have great teachers at our school that really work together.

TrinhN: I know

KaytanaB: but after awhile everyone was very welcoming

DaraS: there's too much work for one person to handle

LauraYS: The first grade team that I am observing on right now is awesome they work together so well and it's very important

ZahraH: I see no collaboration at my school whatsoever. I saw it a lot at the last school I was at. I really liked the sharing of ideas and resources

NiurkaD: In my school, the exclude the bilingual teachers.

ShelleyAd: she is very much involved in the process

JustinH: I like to use other teachers lessons and make them my own.

NicoleL: I have seen very little catty-ness

VuthearyH: bilingual teachers from my school are excluded. I have a student in my class who speaks no English. It's so difficult!

AshliC: I couldn't imagine not having a team to collaborate with now

OliviaMS: there isn't much collaboration at my school either

DianaA: they exclude them??!?!?!?

DianaA: Thats horrible

KathrynMN: I have noticed that bilingual ed is the step child of the public school system

AshliC: even if it's only for the support

ShelleyAd: that's terrible Terry

KaytanaB: that and special education

StefanieO: It makes me feel very uncomfortable when you can tell teachers don't like each other

AnaVa: I know

DaraS: I agree

StefanieO: on the same team

LuciaGo: They exclude the students?

HeatherNW: our teachers talk and work together

DaraS: ew

AshleyED: I feel that teachers should support one another to the fullest. We need to rely on each other and share ideas. We get better at what we do because of one another.

AnaVa: or when you know they are being fake

TrinhN: I bet it does.. hopefully I won't experience it.. but it well might happen one day

KristineMu: I agree with Ashley

KaytanaB: it's included but several teachers dismiss their special ed students and label them incapable of learning

NiurkaD: The only time bilingual teachers and mainstream teacher are together is during PLC meetings. This is terrible!

MeganSa: The collaboration between our team is great but my partner teacher is very difficult....but she's a first year teacher!

LeslieAW: I agree Ashley

TrinhN: I agree with Ashley also

AmyAl: Ashley good point

ShelleyAd: I think it is important to put that stuff in the back of your mind and focus on what's most important btwn you and your colleagues: THE STUDENTS

AndreaLV: Yes.. I have heard things like "there goes the skinny mini team" I was shocked at that comment

DianaA: I know its sad isn't it, Kaytana

DaraS: maybe she's stressed Megan

HeatherNW: I agree Ashley

TrinhN: yesss Shelley

PriscillaO: Many schools do not know how to create a collaborative team

StefanieO: Definitely Shelley

DianaA: That's true Shelley

ZahraH: Well said Shelley

LeslieAW: I don't understand why they place any of us with first or second year teachers

JessicaI: sometimes it's almost as if they are competing with one another

TrinhN: everyday is a new day, just put the bad things in the past, and start a fresh day

KaytanaB: yah and one of my favorite class periods is my co-taught class they're awesome

NiurkaD: You right, Jessica

HeatherNW: yes the students are why we are there.

ShelleyAd: you have to rise above it, especially in your first year

KristineMu: We need to remember to collaborate with out new teams next year and try to bring together everyone into a "happy place"

StefanieO: I see the point of them doing that.... yes, they don't have THAT much experience but we can see how they're getting along

DianaA: yes that's a good philosophy Trinh

CandaceDa: At my school they meet together and discuss the main ideas such as insects for science but then each teacher plans their own lesson. Is that how your teachers do it or do they have one person plan language arts and so on?

JeffC: you may all create K-12 classrooms *here* to facilitate collaboration between your classes.

LeslieAW: I was with a second year teacher last semester and she was asking my advice and had classroom management issues

TrinhN: thanks Diana

StefanieO: I like when I see a brand new teacher succeeding.... it gives me hope

KaytanaB: I think it's important not to participate in pre-existing teaching DRAMA

JenniferB3: I agree

MeganSa: I find that my partner does not have a drive to teach and she is not motivating at all! The woman never smiles! And the worst part is.... her students are SUFFERING!

DaraS: at my school each kinder teacher takes a different subject to plan and then share with the other teachers

JeffC invites all the student teachers to my K-12 Campus Tour and Support on Saturday morning at 11a.m. This week at 10a.m. (Pacific) there's also a "Collaboration Central" meeting here.

MayraC: true Kaytona

StefanieO: yes, leave all issues at the door and put a smile on your face

StephaniAS: At my school every teacher has a specific subject they plan for

VuthearyH: I agree Kaytana

NiurkaD: Candace, in my school my SBTE plans for all the subjects since she is not included with the other teachers.

AnaVa: same here

ZahraH: At my school each teacher is in charge of a content area they never meet to plan just email lessons

AshliC: that sounds like a good idea

LeslieAW: I don't think a new teacher is ready to be a mentor though-I know I wouldn't be

DianaA: yes it really crazy how much drama is out there

HeatherNW: I was told never to eat in the teachers lounge, but eat with the students

AmyAl: I find that being and becoming a teacher u have to be open minded, we are with every walks of life and compromising and collaborating is important

AshliC: I couldn't imagine being a mentor right now

JenniferB3: I thought new teachers couldn't be mentors

PriscillaO: Zahra a lot of schools are like this

KaytanaB: you should keep your mind set on again the STUDENTS

StephaniAS: But you are free to make it your own... I mean you really have to for your specific class

LeslieAW: There is so much gossip in the lounge

JessicaI: that is terrible Niurka

TrinhN: yes Amy, I agree with you

StefanieO: Yea, I hear so many bad things about the teacher's lounge too. I think it's ridiculous

NiurkaD: I agree with you Leslie. I think that mentors need to have more experience than the student teacher.

DianaA: Keep them in mind and trying to put ourselves in their shoes

AndreaLV: yes I can agree with the gossip in the lounge.

JessicaI: we don't have a teachers' lounge

LeslieAW: They really do talk about the kids and parents out loud to everyone-I am shocked

LuciaGo: At my school the 8th grade team meets two times every week and they help each other a lot, also the math team the collaboration between them is great!

DaraS: teachers lounge is full of gossip

JenniferB3: I'm shocked to hear the stuff teachers say about children. I hear them calling them "stupid" and "baby"

KaytanaB: this is experience is for you to gain understanding on what kind of teacher you are and look for examples of the teacher that you would like to become

HeatherNW: that is a good thing

DianaA: interesting Jessica

StefanieO: How many of you have lunch with your students as an incentive?

MeganSa: I do!

StephaniAS: I do

JustinH: I do.

AmyAl: gossip is left for those w/ nothing to say

StefanieO: Isn't that fun!?

KristineMu: I do

AnaVa: I want to

DaraS: I did in 4th grade rotation

NiurkaD: Jessica, I know is terrible, but her concern is the Students not every dram around the program or grade level.

StephaniAS: I love it!

LauraYS: I actually had lunch with 4 of my students today it was really nice

TrinhN: sounds great Lucia, my team meets one a week for planning.. at the same time, everyone help out each other

KathrynMN: teachers should never call students stupid!! How do we expect our students to respect us if adults do not give them respect!!

OmarT: yeah some teachers say shocking things outside the classroom

AshliC: It is offered in my classroom

AndreaLV: I am definitely how often they talk about kids by name.. out loud.

JessicaI: What I wonder is if we will loose all our creativity when we begin to actually teach and are bogged down with all the responsibilities, requirements, stress and duties

HeatherNW: I don't I eat lunch with them every day

KaytanaB: so again dismiss ANY and ALL negative gossip and drama

LuciaGo: We have a teacher's lounge but I never go there since my SBTE is always busy so I am also busy even during lunch time.

AshliC: some teachers say shocking things inside the classroom

ZahraH: I agree I have just learned to hear it through one ear and out the other some teachers will say really harsh things

DianaA: That's so true Omar

StephaniAS: You find out so much about them

StephaniAS: No, not everyday

KristineMu: they feel special and wanted

StefanieO: Yea, I really enjoy getting to know them better

LeslieAW: Teachers will talk about a kid right in front of them to another teacher-it's sad

KristineMu: also go outside to eat on beautiful days

NiurkaD: gossips an drama (not only the students, TEACHERS ARE THE WORST ONES)

StephaniAS: My cooperating teacher also has breakfast with her students before school as a reward

StefanieO: Yes, Leslie, I've seen teachers do that. It's very strange to me.

OmarT: that is wrong and unprofessional

JenniferB3: My teacher tells the students (if they are crying) to not act like kinder babies! That really upsets me.

AshliC: school politics can be tough to get through

AndreaLV: Public humiliation of kids is something else that I have seen and do not agree with so much

ZahraH: That is what I love about the school that I am right now I get to conversate with

the students. They don't have the zero conversation rule!

JessicaCo: I think I'm going to not spend so much time in the teachers' lounge because of all the negative talk. I think it would be wise to have lunch with a variety of people throughout the school instead of limiting yourself to the same group everyday

VuthearyH: and here we are gossiping :)

HeatherNW: maybe the teachers are the ones who really need a tattle box

KaytanaB: EXACTLY

NiurkaD: Agree with you Andrea. I have seen it too.

StefanieO: I don't like the zero conversation rule

LeslieAW: I see it everyday-public humiliation of a student

OliviaMS: yes, I've been very shocked as well with the things teachers say about students

VuthearyH: I agree Heather

LeslieAW: I do not agree with it

TrinhN: yes Andrea.. I know what you mean..

OmarT: sometimes I feel some teachers say things just to let off steam

PriscillaO: I agree with you Andrea

ZahraH: I agree how am I suppose to teach a child if I don't know him at a more personal level

NiurkaD: I agree with Heather (Teachers need a huge tattle box)

StephaniAS: I let my kiddo chat as long as they are working... can you imagine going to work all day and not being able to talk? I'd go CRAZY!

LauraYS: That's so sad Olivia

AndreaLV: I just think it would be best handled one on one instead of in front of the whole grade level

OmarT: but I'm sure some do mean what they say

JessicaI: when a teacher humiliates her student they don't realize that it builds negativity

and when a student hates/dislikes or is afraid of you they will not learn from you

PriscillaO: You can't fight sarcasm with sarcasm. Some teachers respond to their students without thinking.

LauraYS: That's so true Stefani

JessicaI: I really hate it when I see it happening

StefanieO: I know we're not on this topic but I heard of a really great way to minimize conversation during class time. You give the kids 5 minutes of free talk time only if they are on-task for 20-30 minutes.

KathrynMN: I agree Jessica

LauraYS: Good idea

DaraS: teachers wouldn't want to be called out in faculty mtg so they shouldn't do it to kids in the class

StefanieO: I knew a teacher who did that and it worked very well.

KristineMu: that sounds like a good idea

JessicaI: wow 5 minute talk time that sounds good

LeslieAW: My teacher will start a game at the beginning of the day where if the kid does not talk all day they get a homework pass-they are expected to sit quietly ALL DAY!

NiurkaD: I agree Jessica

TrinhN: yes Stefani, I feel all the time when the students are not able to talk.. I don't mind them talking if they whisper.. but it does get out of hand and you have to settle them down

LeslieAW: They actually want to play the game

KristineMu: yikes, Leslie

DianaA: That must be hard

TrinhN: I feel bad*****

StefanieO: That must be

AshleyED: The bottom line is it's all about the kids.

HeatherNW: I know that my students would laugh

DaraS: my kids are allowed to talk as long as it's not too loud

AndreaLV: wow Leslie are u serious.. I had no idea about that

PriscillaO: So, if the class is 1 1/2 hours, they only have to stay quiet for 20-30 min?

ZahraH: I think what happens is a lot of times teachers get frustrated. I can see that happening to myself sometimes too

DianaA: I guess don't stop and think that we don't give the students time to talk

ShelleyAd: You can't keep them from talking. you can't play the dictator role...if you do, you will exhaust yourself

NiurkaD: My students can talk since most of their work is think out and share

MayraC: Kids still need to be kids we must make them want to learn by creative lesson plans

ShelleyAd: just make sure they are on task

LeslieAW: I told you she has them in check-that's why they are so easy to handle-she has them scared

HeatherNW: students learn through talking

LuciaGo: Yes my kids are also allowed to talk, I just have to make sure they are not getting off task.

ShelleyAd: right!

DaraS: I agree

OliviaMS: my kids can't seem to talk and work at the same time though--when they talk, they stop working

KristineMu: I agree with Heather, think pair share works wonderful

StefanieO: I think kids need to learn how to NOT talk, whisper, etc. so I do like the zero conversation sometimes (I changed my mind). Some students need that structure.

AshliC: Although sometimes the talking can degenerate to arguing

DianaA: The talking bothers me during a lecture

AmyAl: Communication helps w/ understanding content so group work is always fun

StefanieO: And honestly, it's nice to have a quiet moment here and there

AshliC: which happens to my class right now, they are losing their cohesiveness due to some issues in the room

AnaVa: it is

DianaA: It is nice Stefanie

KaytanaB: How would you like it if someone told you to be absolutely mute for 50 mins and then screamed at you when you weren'tthat's exactly how your students feel

AndreaLV: yes I agree, I love to have a bit of quiet time during the day

TrinhN: students do learn through talkin, at the same time, they tend be distract with their work if they talk

PriscillaO: But not all students learn the same. If they are doing independent practice, they should know that they cannot talk. Not everyone will remain on task and talk at the same time, and it distracts others at the same time.

DaraS: that happened in my class so we moved their seats around

KristineMu: I would hate life

ZahraH: I agree very much sometimes students need structure because they will drive you off the wall if you give them a lot of freedom

AnaVa: I allow them to discuss with a neighbor for like 2-3 minutes

DianaA: Kaytana you make a strong case

LauraYS: The thing about allowing students at my school to talk is that they might disrupt other classes because we are in an open concept school so talking has to be a whisper. I know that from hearing other classes around me it's a major distraction so I know it is distracting me it will totally distract my kids

AnaVa: then we get started on assignment

StefanieO: I agree Kaytana. I think a reasonable expectation about zero talking should be set.

ZahraH: But as long as you don't play the role of a dictator you are safe

LeslieAW: that is true-they need structure

VuthearyH: my school is always encouraging group work, so they're always talking

StephaniAS: I agree that if they get too loud then I might have them be on silence for a little while until they prove themselves worthy of talking again

StefanieO: exactly!

JessicaI: what are the benefits of open concept?

TrinhN: I would not let the my students talk when they do class work because they won't be able to finish their work..

StefanieO: I like that

AnaVa: yep!

HeatherNW: I never want to teach in an open concept class

DaraS: me either

StefanieO: me neither!

KathrynMN: Sometimes when I see a lot of students want to reply to a question and I am in a hurry I tell them to tell it to their neighbor. it lasts a few minutes and the kids love it

KaytanaB: you know if we spent half as much time trying to control our students as we did teaching them, they would actually learn something

TrinhN: after most students are finish, I let them play math games, but quietly..

DaraS: good ideas

DianaA: I don't think I'd like it either

StefanieO: I heard good and bad about open concepts

MeganSa: I love open concept! I prefer it actually!

JustinH: A mix of level 0 and some talking during the day is fine if monitored right.

AnaVa: I think its great because u can hear or see how others teach

LeslieAW: What is open concept? No walls?

MayraC: Like that Kaytana

DianaA: open concept that is

StefanieO: some teachers like open concept because you can easily pop in the next room if you need help

AmyAl: KM great idea

AndreaLV: I try to give my kids privileges like talk time or sitting on the floor during a movie. Or even having the lights for them, but they always ruin it by their misbehavior

NiurkaD: I am teaching in an open concept mud

MeganSa: I four walls just like everyone else!

ZahraH: We do Math games too they LOVE it! and they are learning so much through it

MeganSa: everyone*

NiurkaD: It's not as bad as it sounds!

StephaniAS: I don't think I would like open concept... I'd get distracted

KristineMu: I like four walls, I feel that it is less distracting

VuthearyH: me too

LuciaGo: Yeah they love math games and my students 8th graders also love singing math songs created by my SBTE

KristineMu: and I am loud and everyone would hear me

JessicaI: so what is so special about it

DianaA: Andrea I think that at that point it is important to point out that they made that choice

LauraYS: No they have walls but you don't have a door and well some of the walls are kind of created with shelves and things

ZahraH: I agree I like a door in my classroom only because I would get more distracted than the students!

MeganSa: I only hear other classes if I try. But I'm so focused on what's going on with my students...it doesn't bother me.

AndreaLV: Yes I have. I tell them you chose to misbehave. u don't get privileges

CandaceDa: I was taught in an open concept classroom all through elementary and it was distracting because we did not have walls. I think most schools have fixed that now

DaraS: many of my students would get easily distracted in open concept

AshleyED: I like noise, but sometimes it can be too much.

LauraYS: It's not too bad only when one teacher has poor classroom management it can be distracting to other classes

HeatherNW: I my students do what they are asked to then on Friday at 2:30 they have fun Friday which they are allowed to play games they love it

AndreaLV: u chose to talk u chose to move your clip and not have fun

KristineMu: Same here Candace

MeganSa: I like the collaboration and teamwork it fosters. The kids are used to it. They know the expectations.

StefanieO: I like having a cozy setting so open concept isn't for me

TrinhN: when other students who haven't finish their work.. it motivate them to concentrate to finish their work when they see others playing math games.. but there are still students who rushes for it, and that's not good..

AshleyED: Klein has semi open concept. We have 3 and 3/4 walls.

AnaVa: we have a thermometer that once its reached they have fun Friday

DianneA remembers one recent discussion with a pre-service teacher who was working casually and who was using meditation as a tool to help students learn to quieten themselves, and a strategy for taking time out in class for herself and the students to quieten and to de-stress

AnaVa: and each degree is thing they must do

StefanieO: I LOVE that thermometer idea Ana!

AnaVa: and dismissal is all or nothing at all

PriscillaO: I love that idea Diana

VuthearyH: I like that meditation idea Dianne

StefanieO: I'm definitely going to use that for the whole class

NiurkaD: Excellent idea Dianne

DianaA: I love that idea Diane

KaytanaB: whoa meditation

TrinhN: same here..

LeslieAW: That does sound cool Dianne

LuciaGo: Love that idea Dianne

AshliC: I think that's a good idea Dianne

AndreaLV: I think meditation would be good for my students

AnaVa: yeah, but u have to be consistent

ZahraH: What grade were these students in Diane?

DianneA: it is a matter of making it part of your classroom routine

JessicaCo: Dianne, how did that work? Do you know if the students were receptive to it?

TrinhN: definitely Ana

LeslieAW: Yeah Andrea lol

DaraS: mediation would be great for students and myself

ZahraH: Would it really work with the younger ones?

StephaniAS: Making the kiddos responsible for their behavior works for me

LeslieAW: and your SBTE

DianneA: 3-6 at least Zahra

KaytanaB: you know that actually sounds great, because some of my kids really don't know that it's okay to be quiet sometimes and just take a moment for yourself

MayraC: the thermometer is good for lower levels not eight graders they would laugh at me

AnaVa: yes teach self discipline

StefanieO: Hahaha yea

StefanieO: my 4th graders would laugh!

AnaVa: lol

DianaA: agreed Kaytana

AnaVa: maybe if they have an incentive

AnaVa: like a movie day or something

ZahraH: yes that's what I thought I don't see it working with my second graders it is a fantastic idea though! We do this sometimes at the Saturday School that I teach at

TrinhN: well, I think you should just be serious about it on the first day of school

KaytanaB: oh Mayra

TrinhN: and they will eventually get use to it..

AnaVa: it's simple as in staying on taks, coming in quietly, raising your hand

CandaceDa: Dianne how do you suggest starting the year out?

KristineMu: yea

DianneA: It worked by the teacher at the beginning of the day introducing the process - that took 10 minutes; the children found it new and interesting; then when things got a bit out of hand the teacher would re-invoke the steps and take the class through it ...

AshleyED: Good question Candace.

DaraS: incentives don't always work for my kids, they forget too easily what they are being quiet for

StefanieO: I can't wait for the professional developments this summer

TrinhN: after all, we are trying to help them.. hopefully the students will understand one day..

ZahraH: good question Candace

DianneA: the student responses were by and large positive

DianneA: and when the teacher was with the class over some time they got more and more used to its benefits

AndreaLV: yea I agree with you Dara.. I tried to make a deal with my kids for a reward and they all agreed, then about an hour later.. most had forgot what was going on

DianneA: some even found it useful to 'take back to their home situation'

DianaA: yeah I'm sure it will take time at first, but I could see the students enjoying

DianaA: it

AndreaLV: it's stressful to repeat yourself continually

HeatherNW: they don't remember very well

DaraS: yes

DianaA: It is Andrea

AmyAl: that why mother repeat everything to every one

AnaVa: the little ones verbal praise

AnaVa: or even all grades

MayraC: my eight graders remember everything that I promise

AndreaLV: it's almost like there is no point to make a deal with them

DianaA: I think that's why it's important to establish routine

HeatherNW: I just have them tell me back the instruction I give them

JessicaCo: Thank you for the advice, Dianne. I'm excited to try to implement that in my future classes. Very interesting

LuciaGo: Yes they do remember everything!!

TrinhN: I agree with Dara too.. I tried incentives.. and it worked for about 3 weeks..

AmyAl: routine is key

DaraS: maybe it'd work better with a visual incentive that could keep reminding them

NiurkaD: I agree Dianne. The routines needs to be establish the first weeks of school.

AnaVa: yes

NicoleL: good idea

KaytanaB: they sure do Mayra

TrinhN: eventually I stopped it.. I just feel bad that some students still enjoy it..

KathrynMN: the problem with rewards, is they start to expect them and it loses its effect

AndreaLV: yea, but then if the reward is not good enough for them or not cool enough. they are not going to care

ZahraH: Yes that is what I have learned some kids cannot function without routine it is very important that we provide it

StefanieO: Yes, kids get very selfish.

DaraS: you're right

TrinhN: I know Andrea..

AndreaLV: a pencil is no longer enough for them

DaraS: lol

ZahraH: haha

DianaA: lol I know

AmyAl: The best time to reintroduce structure is after holiday or weekend to gain back control

StefanieO: I handed out play-doh the other day and some of them weren't happy because it wasn't the color they wanted

TrinhN: well.. I have fourth grade, they love mechanical pencils

HeatherNW: I meant that they do not remember instruction very well

DianneA: the teacher's name was Julie Pappas and she has attended a conference and presented a paper about it so you might find something by googling it

StefanieO: I felt like taking it all back lol

AnaVa: I know in kinder we had line leader of the day

LeslieAW: did they even get their pencils the other day Andrea

DianneA: that is the best I can offer at the moment

KristineMu: My kiddos think a sticker is gold! But then again, I am in Kinder

AnaVa: and you had to exhibit good behavior or u were fired

AnaVa: lol

ZahraH: true because they will forget all you've taught them over the holidays

KathrynMN: My SBTE hates mechanical pencils and breaks them when they are used.

AndreaLV: no they did not get the pencils because they were acting like crazzzy children

PriscillaO: lol Kathryn

KathrynMN: I think it is harsh!!

TrinhN: mechanical pencils worked for me for awhile.. but eventually it dies out..

DaraS: me too

OmarT: that is weird

ZahraH: she breaks them wow!

KathrynMN: he breaks them

StephaniAS: The routine thing has been hard in student teaching because my teacher and I don't have the same teaching style. When I do something different or out of their routine the students let me know over and over again

StefanieO: yea, that's pretty aggressive

LeslieAW: the kids in my class are starting to use them bc the sharpeners are awful

LuciaGo: What? mine gives mechanical pencils as rewards

KristineMu: literally in half?

TrinhN: I prefer mechanical pencils because the student wouldn't have to sharpen their pencils..

ZahraH: I don't like kids using it very much either I would n't go as far as breaking them though

DianaA: Oh I hate that Stephani

HeatherNW: oh my I think that it is a little much to break them

LauraYS: Yea my kiddos tell me all the time what I need to do next lol

KathrynMN: but the problem is they sit there and play with the lead, putting it in in the middle of class

OliviaMS: I don't like mechanical pencils bc they are always runnning out of lead and don't have anything to write with

VuthearyH: we have a box of sharpened pencils in the corner. If a student needs to borrow a pencil, they leave a shoe or something valuable, that way we can get it back

OmarT: sharpening constantly is worse

ZahraH: yes I find them to be more distracting

CandaceDa: At my school we let students who have a hard time writing use mechanical pencils and it has improved their hand writing!

AndreaLV: well I can not stand the constant sharpening of pencils

StefanieO: Since we moved onto pencils..... what about supplies? Does it drive you crazy when you see kids' desks? They're so me ssy!

TrinhN: the reason why I got mechanical pencils because the students were constantly sharpening pencils, in which waste their time when the sharpener doesn't work well

AnaVa: yes and its annoying when they try to write and the lead keeps going back in because its too small

AndreaLV: its like every 5 minutes

NiurkaD: Excellent idea Vutheary

StefanieO: I think I'm going to do a desk clean-out day every Friday

MayraC: I would be glad if my students brought anything to class

AshliC: oh pencils drive me crazy

LuciaGo: I like that, I think is funny Vutheary

AmyAl: save the trees

LeslieAW: lol

DaraS: we give sticker to kinder kids with clean desk at end of week

OmarT: well if students even have supplies it makes me happy

LuciaGo: is a great idea since we ran out of pencils every single day

KathrynMN: I hate when the afternoon class comes at its 1pm and they tell me they do not have a pencil!! what have they used the whole day?

HeatherNW: they will not use it unless it is so sharp it could hurt someone

LuciaGo: since they don't return them

StephaniAS: All of the pencils in my class are community... there is a sharpened box and an unsharpened box

KristineMu: markers drive me crazy, everything we do, they want to use markers

ZahraH: yes even their cubbies get so messy!

OmarT: we have a real problem with that at my school

KaytanaB: My kids know that we clean off the desk with cleaner every Friday, so we'll be cleaning tomorrow

NiurkaD: My SBTE keeps a community pencil box for every pencil she finds in the floor. When a student needs a pencil they just grab one from the box.

CandaceDa: we have a basket for pencils that need to be sharpened and one with sharpened pencils so you leave yours and take a sharp one

TrinhN: I know.. I feel really bad when students have pencils that are about 1 inch

DianaA: I know Kathryn

DianneA: OKAY ALL can I break in and summarise .. teaching is stressful, and because it involves all four of the areas of stressors, anticipation, encounter, time and situational stressors

StefanieO: I like the community pencil box

JessicaCo: Dianne, I have a question regarding the resource you posted. Should I contact you privately?

AnaVa: yeah I have seen a cup for bad pencils and one for good

DianaA: They like it Trinh

AndreaLV: oh yes. and how about every 10 minutes they ask how long it is till lunch time

DianaA: I don't know why

AshleyED: I have used that in a class before Candace. It works well. There is less distraction.

LauraYS: I like the community pencil box too

DianaA: they think its cool

DianneA: as teachers it will be part of your professional development to find out more about how and when and why YOU are stressed

AnaVa: and kids know where to look

KaytanaB: And the thing is they love it and they let me know when the desk are getting dirty because people write on them

AndreaLV: they just feel the need to ask questions a million times

DaraS: we have the sharpened and unsharpened pencil container but the students forget which is which so the pencils are all mixed up

DianneA: and what mechanisms of defusing stress work for YOU

AnaVa: lol

DianneA: and it differs for everyone

AshliC: that's a tough one to find Dianne

ZahraH: a vacation!

DaraS: sleeping

AshliC: yeah for vacation

HeatherNW: it will be an ongoing thing

LeslieAW: I need one!

StefanieO: Shopping

KathrynMN: sleeping works for me too

DianaA: yes Spring Break was good

DaraS: although vacation would be nice

NiurkaD: I need sleep and a vacation

VuthearyH: thank goodness we have summers off :)

AndreaLV: yes I could use another vacation

DianneA: Jessica by all means send me an email through TI and I will respond

JenniferB3: ST is almost over

LeslieAW: Sleep is needed too

LauraYS: a glass of wine jk

DianaA: enough said Vutheary

StefanieO: I'm doing summer school every summer if I can

JenniferB3: Just when I feel like I have it down...it's over

JessicaI: is anyone glad it's almost over

LauraYS: vacation

DaraS: count down is on

LuciaGo: A vacation would be great!

StefanieO: 2 months off would drive me insane

JessicaI: student teaching

KathrynMN: one week left!

LeslieAW: YES!!

TrinhN: thanks Dianne!

AnaVa: yes

MeganSa: yes

VuthearyH: yes 6 more days

HeatherNW: just 5 more days of student teaching

AnaVa: 6 days

LeslieAW: who's counting lol

AnaVa: well 5 and half

PriscillaO: I like to think about all the good things that happened

LauraYS: and shopping

TrinhN: overall, I enjoy this tapped in chat..

AndreaLV: wow. I had no idea there was just 5 days left

PriscillaO: my students are really funny and entertaining

KathrynMN: I just am ready for my own classroom!!

KristineMu: me too, Priscilla, I learned a lot this semester

AshliC: I think it's a mixture of good and bad

AndreaLV: lol

MayraC: I am going to miss my kids

OmarT: me too

DaraS: no doubt I will miss my kids

TrinhN: me too..!!

KaytanaB: usually a student will come and say something nice to me or they say something unexpected that shows me they care and I remember why I wanted to be a teacher (it's corny, I know)

JessicaI: I feel like this has been an amazing journey and has really made me a really good teacher it was hard and overwhelming but it was worth it

AnaVa: me 2

VuthearyH: me too!

JenniferB3: The kids were always the least of my problems too

DianaA: I am too Mayra

AshliC: I get tons of pictures from my kids

StephaniAS: ME TOO!!!

DianneA: as I shared in the Festival session ..

LeslieAW: I am going to miss my kids too-I want to watch them grow

AshliC: it's really sweet

DianneA: My basic position on this subject is a result of engaging with some clinical

DianneA: psychology trainees. There, it was pointed out that some professionals are energised by

DianneA: their professional activities, while others, in similar circumstances become 'burned out'.

DianneA: The presenter then encouraged the students to work at 'looking for the fun' in the

DianneA: professional life, and celebrating it. The presenter also encouraged a focus on

DianneA: 'celebrating success'. Without those two things in place we risk being burned out

DianneA: because we are so engaged in a giving profession, and we need to work at things that

DianneA: rejuvenate ourselves

LuciaGo: I will miss them too!!

AndreaLV: I think I may cry.. I am going to miss them so much. I have grown attached to a few

StephaniAS: I know Leslie... I will probably cry

MeganSa: I will miss my school...it's a shame they do not have a place for me next year!

HeatherNW: when I am not around them I miss them

AnaVa: I got crafts made with marshmallows and they melted in my purse

StephaniAS: at the end of every year

ZahraH: I think we all agree despite of all the stresses we love being teachers specially when you see a smile on a kids face or them yelling your name from the school bus!

KathrynMN: yoga and exercise help me feel less stressed

LeslieAW: I will miss my school too

CandaceDa: I'll miss them but I look forward to meeting my own students!

TrinhN: I love all my students, even though some drive me nuts.. but they're kids.. come on..

StefanieO: I'll be seeing my babies next year, they will be my partner's kids!

DianaA: yes taking time for ourselves

LuciaGo: I will cry for sure

AnaVa: yes exercise!

NiurkaD: I agree Dianne.

LeslieAW: They do make you feel so special when every time they see you they yell out

your name and want a hug

AshliC: I do too

PriscillaO: I completely agree Dianne

KaytanaB: I take a weekly dance class that I attend

StefanieO: So, everyone, what is the one thing you think we NEED before starting the school year???

ZahraH: YES =)

KathrynMN: a job!!

AndreaLV: yes I have a bunch of sweeties in my class even though sometimes they try my nerves

KristineMu: Bubble bath outside of the classroom

StefanieO: hahaha besides that

VuthearyH: lol Kathryn

AshliC left the room.

JessicaI: I agree Kathryn

LuciaGo: Yes I agree a job!!

AnaVa: a good stapler

DianaA: hahaha good point Kathryn

LuciaGo: lol

AshliC joined the room.

LauraYS: A plan

AndreaLV: yes a job would be nice

StefanieO: Let's make believe we all have jobs...

ZahraH: hah

JessicaI: has anyone gotten hired

AnaVa: oh yeah a job

LeslieAW: not yet

DaraS: easy for u Stefanie

StephaniAS: not yet

AnaVa: a stapler

TrinhN: not me...

NiurkaD: a job!!!!!!

KristineMu: nope

VuthearyH: interview next week with Klein!

LauraYS: A plan for how you want your year to start off and end

StefanieO: I was hired

TrinhN: good luck Terry!!

LeslieAW: good luck

LuciaGo: not me

VuthearyH: thank you

PriscillaO: HISD job fair this Saturday!

TrinhN: I got that texes test.. :(

LauraYS: Me too!!! :)

AshleyED: Yes

AndreaLV: ft bend isd job fair is Sat too

DianaA: that true

LuciaGo: Yes I'll be there Priscilla

AmyAl: THANKS PO

StephaniAS: Spring Branch and Fort Bend too

StefanieO: EVERYONE of us will have jobs

MayraC: me too the texes test

DianaA: yes

ZahraH: I hope so!

CandaceDa: I'm still waiting to hear...

LeslieAW: is this chat over bc I have an 8 o clock one

PriscillaO: This was a great chat everyone!

AndreaLV: yes so do I

JessicaI: yes it was

VuthearyH: I agree!

KristineMu: yes, thanks everyone

JessicaI: great chat

TrinhN: yes.. it was Priscilla

PriscillaO: Good luck to everyone!

CandaceDa: Good luck!

PriscillaO: Bye!

TrinhN: thanks everyone!! good luck

TrinhN: bye..

AnaVa: bye bye

JenniferB3: thanks everyone. I feel better knowing that I am not alone

AshliC: Good Luck to everybody

AndreaLV: we have all shared a lot

AshliC: bye!

NiurkaD: Good luck!!!

LeslieAW: bye!!

StephaniAS: Good Luck!

StefanieO: Yes it was. I love talking about classroom management

AndreaLV: bye bye

AmyAl: HAVE A NICE EVENING

NicoleL: bye

StephaniAS: Bye!

LuciaGo: Bye

ZahraH: nice chatting everyone!

MeganSa: Thanks! Bye!

VuthearyH: thanks everyone and good luck!

VuthearyH: bye!

TrinhN: I love all the topics

HeatherNW: great. good luck to all of you next year in your own class

KathrynMN: Just want to say congrats to everyone, we finally made it!!

AshleyED: Thank you!

KristineMu: Good luck everyone, thanks and bye

DaraS: good night, it's been fun

StephaniAS: WOOHOO!!!!

LauraYS: Bye and good luck!! Happy last week of Student teaching!!! :)

CandaceDa: Good night!

StefanieO: Yes, Congratulations !

JessicaCo: Thank you Dianne for the resources. I'll send you an email about what you posted