

Your Key to Good Classroom Discipline

Helpful Hints from the



Be Friendly — Be the kind of person the children like and trust. Be firm, fair, friendly, courteous, enthusiastic, confident, and keep your sense of humor.

Keep Your Classroom Organized — A disorderly environment may encourage disruptive behavior.

Keep Rules Simple — Establish as few classroom rules as possible and keep them simple. Have consequences for both positive and negative behavior.

Get to Know Your Students — You will soon develop a sense for anticipating trouble before it begins.

Don't Use threats to Enforce Discipline — Never humiliate a child. Use established consequences, not threats, to enforce rules.

Avoid Arguing With a Student — Discussions about class work are invaluable, but arguments can become emotional encounters.

Let the Students Know You Care — Determine jointly with the class what will be acceptable in terms of behavior and achievement and what will not. Show interest in what the students say.