

Suggested First-Day Activities

- Introductions – teacher, students, staff.
- Prayer to begin day.
- Prayer at lunch.
- Prayer to end day.
- Take attendance and lunch count.
- Explain morning routine pattern.
- Tour the classroom.
- Play name games.
- Play “get acquainted” Activities.
- Tour of school grounds (show restrooms, office, playground, cafeteria).
- Explain your Assertive Discipline Plan.
- Teach specific directions to different activities as those activities arise.
- Practice fire drill.
- Assign cubbies, lockers, etc.
- Distribute materials (pencils, crayons, rulers, etc.).
- Read aloud to students (material depends on grade level).
- Do simple exercises to music.
- Teach a subject-area lesson with a follow-up art activity.
- Assign students to guide new students around school.
- Have students complete a personal inventory.
- Play “20 questions.”
- Sing songs.
- Play “Back-to-School” bingo.
- Do a creative writing activity.
- Complete a word search or puzzle.
- Explain “Control Central.”
- Do a “birthday” count for the birthday chart.
- Introduce children to your special “attention-getting” signal.
- Hand out parent handbooks, parent letters, notes from office.

