The First Days of School

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How do you envision the first day of school?

- What should the teacher say?
- What should the teacher do?
- What should the students be doing?
- What are you nervous about?
- What are the students nervous about?
- What do you want the students’ first impression to be?
Student achievement throughout the year is directly related to how you plan the first few days.

It is the time to establish classroom procedures.

You either win or lose your students in the first days of school.
Control of the Classroom

- Means you know the following:
  - What you are doing
  - Classroom procedures
  - Your professional responsibilities

- It is critical that your students know that you know what you are doing.
Seven things students want to know

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How will you handle these 7 questions?

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A common mistake on the first day is to under-plan.
What message does this communicate to students?
Anticipate student questions.
Prep the classroom
Work on a script for the first day. It’s the most important day of the year!
Dress for success!