

20 Current Teachers Were Asked:

What advice would you go back & give yourself as a first year teacher, knowing what you now?

“Spend some time doing activities and projects that can be checked off rather than grading everything!”

“Remember to breathe”

“Relax-Be confident – Enjoy working with your students”

“Plan on putting in at least twice as much time as you think you’ll need”

“Lighten up! The world won’t end if you don’t have everything planned!”

“Don’t sweat the small stuff!”

“Listen to your experienced colleagues- you don’t have to do everything they say, but listen & consider”

“Seek advice from colleagues”

“Exercise!!”

“Be fair and consistent”

“Enjoy the kids- laugh with them more”

“Tell them what you expect all the time”

“Be organized!”

“Make a sincere effort to make contact with each student each day. Relationships need to be built for learning to occur”

“Don’t forget the power of positive reinforcement!”

‘Don’t try to do it all”

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help”

“Relax! Don’t stress that everything doesn’t get done! Have a life outside of school!”

“Take the time to enjoy your students- relationship building is the key!”

“Go home! The work will be there tomorrow”