



Friday Focus

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If you ask a student what made him or her successful in school, you probably won't hear about some fantastic new book or video lecture series. Most likely you will hear something like, "It was all Mr. Jones. He just never gave up on me."

What students take away from a successful education usually centers on a personal connection with a teacher who instilled passion and inspiration for their subject. So, the 25 things in the image above have much to do with a teacher's interactions with his students. A close inspection also reveals a great emphasis on continuous learning, and a focus on clear expectations, differentiation, purposeful teaching, and creativity. Remember, Todd Whitaker told us, and John Hattie's research reminded us, that one of the most important influences on student achievement is the quality of the classroom teacher. *Our* success directly impacts *their* success.

How will you guarantee your success this year? Will you pledge to have a positive attitude (#5) even when the going gets tough? Maybe you will try harder to communicate with parents (#13). It could be that you set a goal to explore some new tools in your classroom (#17).

Whatever path to success you choose this year, remember that you have a school system full of colleagues, district leadership, parents, support staff, and students that are all here to work together to make that success happen. Many blessings to you in 2016-17. Happy New Year!

Fall Happenings

- August 24-25 TEDS Training at CCCTC for Coordinators
- August 29 EILA at WCMS
- Sept. 6 Counselors Academy
- Sept. 7 Preschool Academy
- Sept. 8 New Teachers Academy (East)
- Sept. 9 New Teachers Academy (West)



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