Friday Focus

Greenup County Schools

Spring Fever Relief

Tis the season for last minute instruction and combatting the requests for extended recess with a movie. Spring Fever can be a tough battle, but student engagement activities can help fight those disciplines and distractions that can inhibit learning to continue beyond testing and sunny days.

TOP Ten Engagement Facts

10. Be inspiring– You get inspired by simple things on Pinterest, make your lessons inspiring so that students want to jump in and try to do them.

9. Make it contagious– Your level of interest or excitement as a teacher matters to the students.

8. Have it everywhere– engage kids in between classes, on the way to lunch or recess or even as they park beside you on the parking lot.

7 Make it authentic– Don't fake your interests with kids, they will know it. Don't relate a lesson to Taylor Swift if you have never heard her songs.

6. Be positive– Use a growth mindset approach to feedback. Be positive about effort just as much as the achievement.

5. Be active– Use movement, visuals such as memes, snip it videos, and let them create their own learning.

4. Be relevant– Consider your age group and remember they have interests. Use those interests to your advantage.

3. Keep it simple– Get to the point, don't lose their interest with details they do not want. *Think "Could I tweet this?"* That is your competition.

2. Build upon mastery– Use an example of something they know to build upon what they need to know.

1. Apply it– If they can't apply it, they will not remember it. Take information a step further and engage and challenge students and problem solve real situations.

27 More Ways To Increase Participation

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Extended Thought

6 Second Science Clips

Engagement Blog

Kid President– Get Your Learn On

GAP Strategies of the Week:

* Make it Relevant

* Grab Attention

* *Do it with Visuals*

Visuals meet students need for stimuli. Charts, pictures, infographics, graphic organizers, artwork, all work as very effective learning and retention devices.

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