



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.

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Upcoming Academy Dates:

- Tech PD 4/27 eve
- PGES Peer Reviewers 4/30 eve

27 Ways To Increase Participation		
See Show them the goal of the activity.	Strategize Do learn work and let students answer together.	Color Give the students markers to express their ideas.
Supply Give the students odd materials to create a prototype.	Bonding Let the students express themselves in their own way.	Sell Sell them on the idea to participate.
Demo Demonstrate how to participate.	GAMIFY Use gamification.	Share Have an open share time.
Compete Create a competition out of it.	Time Set a time limit on the activity to increase urgency.	Character Create a character or role for them to play.
Grade Disconnect it from grades so they can give immature information and not affect the grade.	Rabbit Allow rabbit trails that they want to take.	Patience Be patient for students to engage.
Fail Show them you don't know everything and it's ok.	Rule Set rules of engagement together.	Emotion Allow for emotions.
Resources Give them the resources to participate.	Story board Create a story that carries through the lesson.	Survey Ask the students how they like to participate.
Assist Ask them to assist you in the activity.	Switch Switch it up frequently and keep them on their toes.	Energy Teachers, you must have energy and enthusiasm.
Purpose Have a visible purpose for the activity.	Real Give them a real life problem to solve.	Tap Tap into their drive.

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Extended Thought

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TESTING REMINDER/TIP OF THE WEEK

Administration Code

Remove all artifacts from the testing location that could provide academic support to the test. When in doubt, move it out.

Inclusion Of Special Populations

Paraphrasing is limited to directions only. Paraphrasers can break down directions into parts or segments, use similar words or phrases in directions, repeat or rephrase direction. Paraphrasers can not define words, concepts, teach vocabulary, or tell students what to do 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.

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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