










Tips for A Successful School Year

Teachers:

-  **Clear Expectations**- Make sure your students understand what you expect of them for the school year.
-  **Procedures** – Practice the rules and procedures of the classroom, be consistent with consequences and rewards.
-  **Team Building** – Take the time to get know your students and allow your students to get know you, creating a positive classroom environment.
-  **Communication** – Communicate with parents on regular basis, sharing the positives and when necessary, concerns you have for their child.
-  **Differentiation** – Use a variety of ways to present materials to kids, so all students can be successful in the classroom.
-  **Parent Involvement** – Get parents involved in your classroom to help organize events, volunteer, etc.
-  **Plan** – Be organized and planned for your day having all materials ready and put together in the location that you will be delivering the lesson.
-  **Set class goals** – Make a list of goals that you want to accomplish as a class and when goals are reached reward your students and give them positive feedback.
-  **Sense of humor** – Remember to keep your sense humor and make learning fun and engaging for your students!

Students:

- ☺ **Be Organized** – Make sure you are ready for the school day.
- ☺ **Don't multitask** – Focus on projects and assignments one at a time. Once that one is completely done move on to the next one.
- ☺ **Studying** – Divide it up! Divide your work up into smaller manageable chunks and then reward yourself as you finish the chunks. This makes studying more fun and not so overwhelming.

Cardinal Learning

- ☺ **Sleep** – A good night's rest helps you focus more and increases your working memory. Get those 8 hours of sleep needed!
- ☺ **Note Taking** – Writing out information as you study helps keep you more engaged and you are creating your own study sheet, so that you will be prepared when taking the test.
- ☺ **Study Space** – Find a spot that will maximize your productivity with the least amount of distraction possible.
- ☺ **Ask Questions** – Don't be afraid to ask questions. You are at school to learn and teachers are there to help! We can only be our best if we truly understand what we are learning!

Parents:

- ✓ **Be in the know** - Attend the school's open house or orientation to learn the expectations of the school and get to know the teachers and staff.
- ✓ **Communicate** - Don't be afraid to ask questions or express concerns that your student may be having in the classroom. Always read and respond to any communication sent from the teacher.
- ✓ **Inform** - Keep your student's teacher informed of things that may be going on outside of school that could be distracting your child.
- ✓ **Set goals** - Work with your student to set goals for the school year that you can celebrate when he/she accomplishes those goals.
- ✓ **Do your part** - Contribute to classroom supplies (tissues, paper towels, pencils, etc.)