First Week of School Lesson Plans:

- 2000 The first week back can be stressful and overwhelming, but don't succumb to the pressure. This first week is time to focus on establishing procedures, explaining expectations and building classroom community.
 - Developed by veteran teachers, these engaging, interactive lessons and activities embody this focus while creating an organized, efficient daily schedule. Daily pre-assessment time is build into these plans to ensure that you are able to determine
 - Highlighted fields represent lessons and activities included in unit. Some materials and activities are used each day (i.e. Unpacking procedures and chart); these are included after
 - Daily lesson plans and accompanying activities are colorcoded to help with planning and organization.

<u>Walkina in line</u>

- 1. Teach point-to-point movement as students walk around the
 - a. Identify a location or action and students move to that point
 - i. "Please walk to the pillar and stop there."
 - b. If students aren't quiet enough, walk them back and have
 - 2. Challenge students to set goals and make sure you focus on speed. Speed and order are the goals of lining up and walking in line.
 - a. Get a stopwatch and time them; record times to track improvement and progress toward goals.
 - 3. Read "Who Will Be Mystery Walker?" poem before line and reward 1-2 students for great line skills (see below).
 - 4. If all students are doing a great job, give them a Quiet Line Loop. Loop these together to make a class chain. Determine how long the change needs to be before the class earns a reward. If the class earns a compliment while in line, add an additional loop to the chain. These simple procedures reinforce efficient transitions and also build classroom community as students must work together to earn a reward.



READING STRATEGIES

DECODING ANIMALS



Point to each word while reading to help keep vour place.



COMPREHENSION ANIMALS



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events, characters and setting in your head like watching a movie or T.V. show.



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an idea

Retell the key points or

(Who? What? When?

Where? Why?)

Top Ten Tools **Back to School**

Parent Tips

view the Responsibility Chart th your child daily. the following discussion

Loss of Star:

is a better choice for

lid you learn from this?

Kept All Stars: our Glow today?

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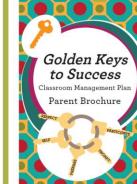
lity Chart should vational tool. and each week er week) and an parent reward.

To help your child develop responsibility and independence. create a checklist of daily duties.

Sample Checklist

- _Completed homework
- Silent reading for 20 minutes
- Responsibility Chart signed
- Binder in backpack
- Pencil pouch in backpack
- Lunchbox packed (in refrigerator)





Important life skills and qualities that students need to become successful citizens

Top Ten Tools for Back to School

The new school year means endless meetings, countless hours of preparation and the dreaded Curriculum Night...all resulting in major stress! As veteran teachers, we understand the tension that Back to School time brings and are here to help. Our **FREE Top Ten Tools for** Back to School sample files included in this unit are:

- 1. Beginning of the School Year Checklist
- 2. Golden Keys to Success Responsibility Chart
- 3. Golden Keys to Success Parent Brochure
- 4. Routines and Procedures: Walking in Line
- 5. Icebreaker: Top Ten About Me
- 6. Common Core Reading Strategies Poster
- 7. Behavior Reflection Think Sheet
- 8. First Day of School Lesson Plan

- 9. Social Story: Following Directions
- 10. Parent Welcome Letter sample

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- Beginning of the School Year Checklist Create classroom management plan (rules & consequences) Set up routines and procedures

 - Gathering at carpet or general meeting place
 - ring materials and cleaning up g at teacher's signal
 - ng active listening

cubbles

eubores at signals (for bathroom, drinks, pencils) cket including the following:

^{nage}ment plan <u>sessment</u>

and homework guidelines nd specials, schedule

and volunteer sign up and Curriculum Night presentation

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