

# Top 10 Teaching Tips for a Successful Experience

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank...but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child." -- Forest Witcraft

# #10: Collaborate!!!

- work with your cooperating teacher & mentor
- work with your colleagues
  - grade level meetings
  - working lunches
  - share, share, share
- join committees
- teacher networks



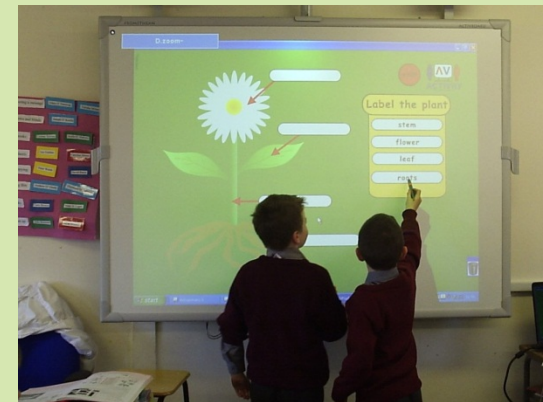
# #9: Build the Bridge

- **Parent Communication**
- **Reinforce the dynamic**
  - **Same page**
- **Parental involvement**
  - **Workshops**



# #8: Technology

- Have a plan
- Use it when it is helpful
- Create a classroom page
- Join organizations:
  - Prezi.com
  - ASCD.org
  - Wordle.net



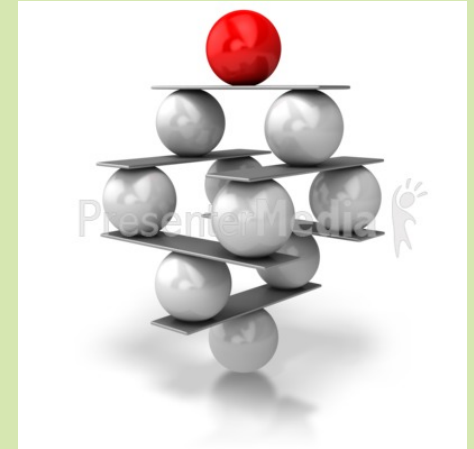
# #7: Flexibility



- *“I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.” -Michael Jordan*
- expect the unexpected
- mistakes will happen
- failure is only bad if.....
  - You do not learn from it
  - You do not use it as a reflective teaching opportunity to move forward

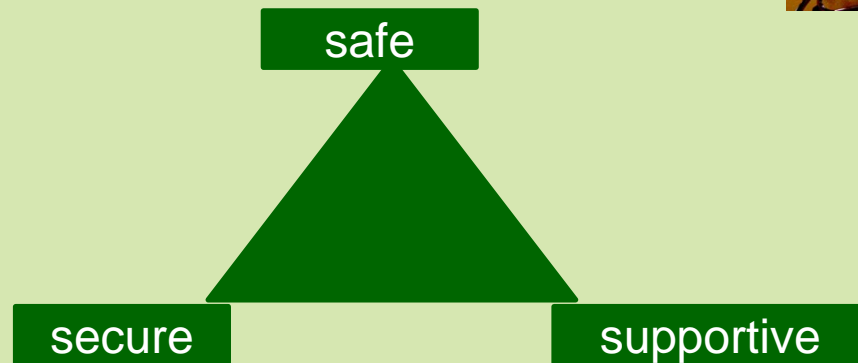
# #6: Balance

- manage your time
  - lesson plans
  - phone calls
  - parent communication
  - grading
  - prep time
  
- make time for yourself

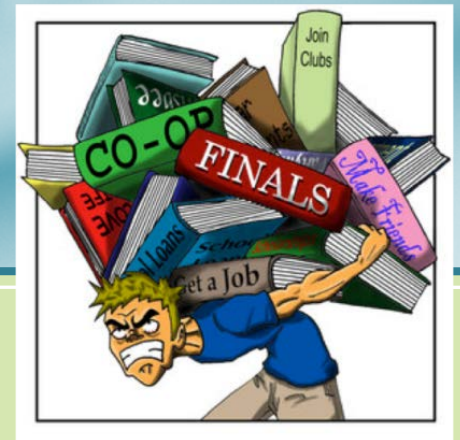


# #5: Classroom Environment

- Brain Science:
  - amygdala
  - home court advantage



# STRESS!!!



- ✓ Emotional and physical stressors directly affect a child's ability to learn
- ✓ Pre-Frontal Cortex:
  - ✓ Regulates emotional responses
  - ✓ Problem – solving ability
  - ✓ Manages impulsivity

# #4: Classroom Management

- think through EVERYTHING
  - routines, routines, routines
- routines
  - morning meeting
  - character education
  - safety
- model, model, model
- decorations



# #4: Classroom Management

- behavior management
  - challenge yourself
  - rewards /  
consequences
  - acknowledgements



# Retention Strategies:



✓ 3 Pathways to retaining information

✓ Visual



✓ Auditory



✓ Kinesthetic



# Big Brain Ideas:



#1: There is no comprehension without picturing!

- draw pictures to represent ideas
- use real life pictures with labels
- label pictures with parts

#2: Students make meaning by connecting to existing schema!

- They need back ground information
- Build the blocks of learning

#3: Neurons that fire together wire together

- More pathways that are accessed the better the retention
- associations
- Use color
- Hands on / V.A.K.

# #2: Facilitate


- “we inspire they perspire”
- Brain science
  - Make the connections
  - No preamble
  - mobilizing directions
  - No opt out
- Have them ENGAGED in their learning
  - Prime Directive
  - Hook them
  - Reinforce the connections
  - Have them take ownership of their learning



# #1: PLAY BIG!!!

- energy & enthusiasm
- state your expectation
- think outside the box
  - Move them around
- V.A.K. & multi-sensory teaching
- cooperative learning & independent learning
- Celebrate learning



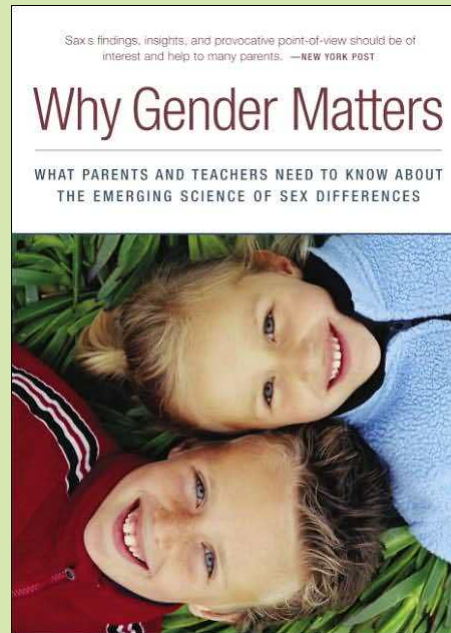
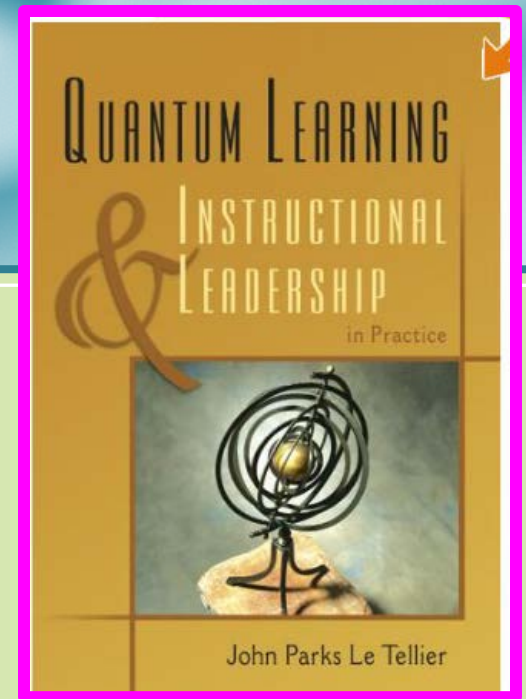
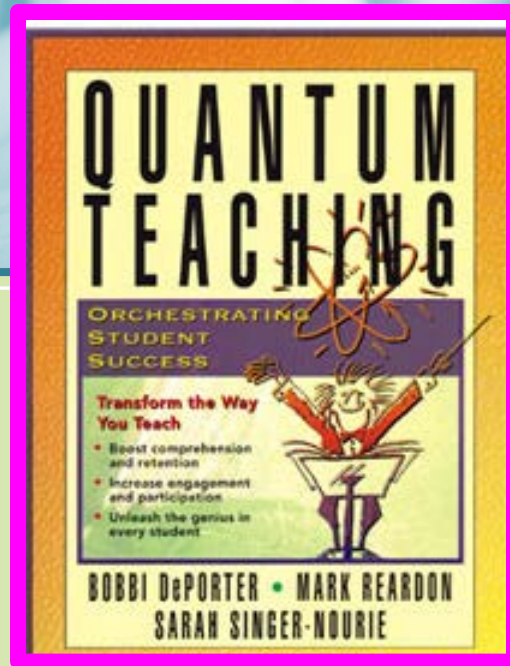
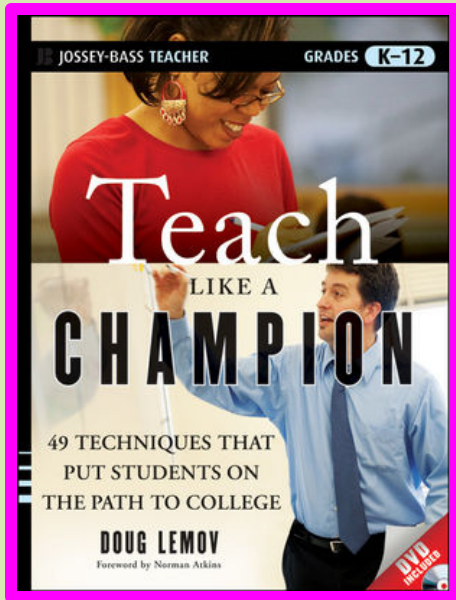


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