Top 10 Things Every New Teacher Should Know

1. Always have high (but not impossible) expectations for yourself and your students.

2. Effective classroom management starts on the first day.

3. Humor can help diffuse a tense classroom situation.

4. Consistency and fairness go hand in hand and should be practiced every day.

5. Be flexible, but don’t become a doormat.

6. Smile at your students.

7. Avoid confrontations in front of other students.

8. Be friendly, but avoid becoming friends with your students.

9. Get to know the people around you, and choose your friends and battles wisely.

10. Never advertise your inexperience.