

Teacher March Newsletter

As a teacher, it is important to ensure that each student actively participates and is engaged in day-to-day learning. In order to encourage this, teachers must use a variety of methods that lead to enhanced involvement.

One way to make learning meaningful is to connect classroom lessons to real-life situations. Students who are given the opportunity to use their knowledge and experiences when learning new content not only retain the information better but also enjoy the learning process more.

Also consider allowing students to collaborate in their learning. Collaboration is a powerful way of engaging students. Strategies that allow students to collaborate and work with others not only enhance engagement but improve students' communication and social skills. Do not be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new. Change can not only inspire you but also your students.

As you think of ways to engage your students, consider the following questions:

- Do my lessons show how students will use their knowledge in college and careers?
- How can my students apply what they learn to everyday life?
- How can my students use math at home?
- How does my class celebrate Read Across America?

Severe Weather Preparedness

March is a great time to think about severe weather preparedness. Severe weather can develop quickly, so it is important to be ready. Review your school's emergency plan. Remind parents of the emergency pick-up and evacuation procedures, and be sure to practice what students are to do in case of severe weather.

As severe weather season approaches, think about the following questions:

- Are there resources I can give my students to prepare them for severe weather?
- How will parents be notified in case of severe weather?

The American Red Cross has great resources available at www.redcross.org.



<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>