

The Substitute & The Students

- Be enthusiastic—students mirror your attitudes
- Motivate your students. Relate to them as a person. Incorporate your experiences.
- Recognize and provide for students' individual differences.
- Respond positively to students' incorrect responses or lack of response.
- Vary the positive reinforcement offered when students give the correct response.
- Involve students who are not interested. Try to find ways to motivate them. Should a student refuse to become involved, don't force the issue. Let them observe quietly.
- Go to the students when they need help. This avoids confusion and needless disruption.
- Establish and communicate classroom rules and procedures.
- Be flexible. Teaching requires flexibility. Substitute teaching demands flexibility.
- Follow the lesson plans left by the teacher.