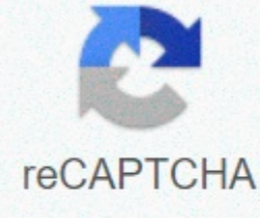




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If not, there is a free one for you here! You know, they say if you don't know where you're going, you're probably going to end up somewhere else. I think that this is more true teaching than anything else! Planning the day, week, month and year is essential for success. With a good pace guide, you can plan your education, whether you know the curriculum or not. The Scheduling Guide shows you which concepts, numbers, words, or shapes to work on each week. Getting to know what to teach and planning to have the biggest problem is being a new teacher. It's also the hardest thing about getting moved from one grade to another. It's like trying to drive through a foreign country without a map or trying to cook a little dinner without any idea what you want to serve! It's not working very well. Of course, you can start reading your teachers' manuals... if you like most teachers, there may be dozens of volumes for language art alone, no trouble math, science, and social studies! Then start reading. When I was a relatively new teacher, I worked as an afternoon kindergarten teacher after leading the more experienced morning kindergarten teacher. We shared the classroom and team teaching, with the same lesson plans in the morning as in the afternoon. So in order to design better, my teammate developed a fast-paced guide that we both followed. It was extremely simple and had only the minimal curriculum elements on it. However, we put it on the wall above our table and referred to it back every year. The pace guide is essential because it can help you remember which numbers, letters, colors or concepts that need to be taught each week. If you write the pace guide carefully, it makes planning instruction very easy. This is because if you just stick to the plan of the guide, you don't accidentally miss anything or get behind all your vital skills. Mine, I made sure that I left enough time to teach and practice all the concepts that we were going to try and that we would do this well before the testing time. So, my pace guide is aligned with my district's testing schedule. As soon as I had this plan, I allowed myself to relax. Fast forward many years later and my wonderful mentor teacher tragically passed away due to a rare form of untreatable ovarian cancer which quickly spread throughout her body and brain... And he died less than a year after his diagnosis. It was terribly sad and difficult to work in the same room we shared for ten full years, but somehow I dragged myself through it and came across the other side. But it's a different story for another day! The lessons my dear friend taught me stayed with me forever, and I've spent the last four or five years refining them, and I'm giving you many of them! It makes me happy to think that you're proud of me and my achievements right now. And one of these lessons is how to step out of the year with a homemade Pacing Guide that is now created in Excel, but publishes here in pdf form. Microsoft Excel makes it easy to create your own. It's really not hard; just start typing the boxes! Take all the things students need to learn and extend them throughout the school year, leaving enough time for review and testing. If you are not sure how long it will take to test as a teacher at school. But I usually leave the (gasp!) Six weeks of time is available to do some testing at the end of the second trimester because there are so many tests at the time of the year in my district nursery. I only need about three weeks turnaround for the November report card and about four weeks turnaround for the year-end report card. I also try (at least) to introduce just about everything I can by the end of the second trimester, because there are always a lot of tall kids that master every single thing by then. It gives them a chance to get a totally nice report card! And that makes me look good, too. But if I don't even introduce these tougher concepts, I can't test anyone on them, and that's it. This is what the free download pacing guide looks like. My Pacing Guide has increased the curriculum requirements every year, and as I have added things, I have updated and will continue to post it on our website on the Free Downloads page. The attached pacing guide was updated last August to reflect the common state standards. I am writing this post now to let new readers know it is available. You will find that you click on this link here, then scroll down to the second section and then click on the Pacing Guide. I hope it's useful to you! If you liked this post, consider signing up for email updates in the upper right corner of the page, or use Bloglovin or some other type of blog reader to follow my posts. And don't forget to follow me on Pinterest, Facebook and Google+. 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