

*"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."*

**- Anatole France a French poet, journalist, and novelist.**

Last month you spent some time reflecting on the previous year's successes and struggles. Now it's time to use the insights gained during that session to boost your teaching practice to a new level over the next academic year. Turn your powerful pondering into an action plan for success!

Since a positive classroom climate enables growth in almost all other areas, we will model this process of action planning with creating community in the classroom.

area	general goal	S.M.A.R.T. goals	supplies/ support needed
Student-centered (learning outcomes)			
Professional growth			
Instruction			
Collaboration with Colleagues			
Environment/ Classroom climate and management	Create a supportive, risk-taking, collaborative environment with my students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By the end of the first two days of school, classroom members will know all teammates' names and one unique thing about them.</li> <li>- By the end of the first week, students will be able to identify their learning styles and name a few strategies to help them process information best.</li> <li>- By the end of the first week, we will have 3 ways to publicly congratulate and celebrate effort and risk-taking in the classroom.</li> <li>- By the end of the first month, cooperative learning groups will be formed and in use X times per week.</li> <li>etc....</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- name tags</li> <li>- ice breakers/get-to-know-you games</li> <li>- learning styles assessment</li> <li>- learning styles display board</li> <li>- professional development on cooperative learning groups</li> </ul>

Set goals for the first quarter of school before the students even arrive. Keep this matrix somewhere highly visible, and revisit it when planning your weekly lessons. At the end of each quarter, take some time to reflect, adjust, set new goals for the next quarter. Good luck with your action plans! Until next time...PLAN, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE!

