

# Mid-Year Check In





## Classroom Setup

Classroom Setup Checklist	DONE	IN PROGRESS	NEED TO START
<b>Purge and clean</b> Which areas need the most attention?			
<b>Room layout</b> How will you design your classroom?			
<b>Desk arrangement</b> How can your seating arrangement reflect how you want students to act?			
<b>Organize library</b> How can you arrange books for easy access and readability?			
<b>Organize materials</b> How to make materials easy to find and use?			
Think about systems How can systems help you stay organized?			
<b>Set up your work area</b> How can you make the most of work time?			
<b>Decorate</b> How can you make your classroom inviting?			

### Mid-Year Inspiration & Ideas:

- Check out Three Ideas for Setting Up Your Classroom for some fresh ideas.
- Read about about how to create less physical and virtual clutter.
- Amp up your organization! Check out our **Pinterest board** for organizational ideas.



### Lesson/Unit Planning

Lesson/Unit Planning Checklist	DONE	IN PROGRESS	NEED TO START
Come up with a system How will you record your lessons?			
<b>Decide routines</b> What daily and weekly routines will affect your plans?			
Align to standards What standards do your lessons need to address?			
Think about how to share plans with students How will students know what they're expected to learn?			
<b>Plan for the first few weeks</b> How can you plan lessons to help create a positive class culture?			
Long-term planning How can you create a plan for the year?			
Share with families How can you share your plans?			
Enrich planning with colleagues How can you engage in collaborative planning?			

### Mid-Year Inspiration & Ideas:

- Check out these <u>Tch Tips</u> on planning lessons.
- <u>Watch</u> how conferences can help you guide student learning.
- Think about ways you can target learning with success criteria.



### Class Culture

Class Culture Checklist	DONE	IN PROGRESS	NEED TO START
<b>Reflect and envision</b> How do you see your classroom?			
<b>Pick a focus</b> Is there an area you want to explore more deeply?			
Think about norms What practices and routines do you imagine for your classroom?			
Think about family communication How will you share class culture with your families?			
Plan the first two weeks of school How will you use the first two weeks of school to build culture?			

### Mid-Year Inspiration & Ideas:

- Read about ways you can involve your students' families.
- Have your students set class culture goals? <u>Watch</u> this video to see how.
- Check out the blog post, Five Tips to Encourage Positive Classroom Culture



### Self-Care

Self-Care Checklist	DONE	IN PROGRESS	NEED TO START
<b>Prep your teacher survivial stash</b> What items do you need to make it through the day?			
Make a schedule What will you do each day before and after school?			
Find some buddies How can colleagues get you through the day?			
<b>Decide what's important</b> What will you prioritize this year?			
Plan for feeling overwhelmed How will you cope with moments of stress?			
<b>Plan for fun</b> How will you bring joy to your classroom and beyond every day?			

### Mid-Year Inspiration & Ideas:

- Read this blog post for tips for staying energized all year long.
- Celebrate the amazing work that you do! Watch this video for inspiration.
- Take five minutes to reflect on the year so far in this interactive video.