



Access more examples of first-day scripts and put together one before your first day of school.

The procedures taught on the first day of school vary from teacher to teacher, from grade level to grade level. Which procedures will you plan to teach on the first day of school?

Janifer Brown – Kindergarten – Penryn, California

Teach

- ✓ Classroom rules
- ✓ How we use different colored name sticks to take turns
- ✓ Listening techniques (Brain Gym) for getting student attention/focus
- ✓ Discipline plan – most basic consequences necessary for the first day or two
- ✓ Stop and listen signal ("One, two, three, eyes on me")

Teach and Practice

- ✓ Where and how to put your things (cubby) – including how to empty your backpack
- ✓ Opening procedures – including how to sit in your chair, how to go to your table
- ✓ Rug procedures – how to find a place to sit on the rug, how to salute the flag, how to say you need to go to the bathroom, listening to a story
- ✓ Snack and recess procedure – how to get your snack, how to line up, where to eat, playground rules, equipment cleanup, lining up after recess
- ✓ Procedure for working at a table group
- ✓ End of the day procedure – how to get your backpack, where to wait for parent/bus

Cindy Gerhart – First grade – Tucson, Arizona

- ✓ How to wear name tag
- ✓ How to sit on rug
- ✓ How to find cubbies
- ✓ How to find bathrooms
- ✓ How to walk in line
- ✓ How to walk to the playground
- ✓ How to use the playground
- ✓ How to line up for dismissal
- ✓ How to leave when dismissed
- ✓ How and where to line up for school when the bell rings

Judith Darling – High School – Garner, North Carolina

- ✓ How to greet each other and begin class
- ✓ How to retrieve/return text books
- ✓ How to retrieve/return correcting pens
- ✓ How to retrieve/return craft boxes for vocabulary cards
- ✓ How to chant declensions, conjugations
- ✓ How to prepare for pairs – classwork or games
- ✓ How to prepare for listening – music or news
- ✓ How to signal to speak/answer
- ✓ How to turn in homework/classwork
- ✓ How to respond when timer signals "time up"
- ✓ How to prepare for the day's focus
(Monday – culture, mythology, history, Tuesday – grammar, Wednesday – grammar & vocabulary review, Computer Lab, Thursday – translations, Friday – assessment & new vocabulary)