



Going Beyond Folders

When you see a **Going Beyond** or "**GoBe**" folder, go to www.EffectiveTeaching.com and **THE First Days of School** page. Open the Going Beyond tab on the page. This will take you to the links within the folders that are correlated to each chapter in the book.

We all like the little extras, the little surprises, the “lagniappes” in life. Effective teachers do this in class by offering extra credit, enrichment, and additional activities to enliven a lesson. And that’s what the **Going Beyond** (GoBe) folders achieve.

Going Beyond offers additional information, research, and activities that cannot be neatly placed in a simplified format, such as a PowerPoint presentation.

This is the biggest secret to successful teaching. Effective teachers beg, borrow, and “steal.” The GoBe examples and stories transcend all grade levels and all subject areas. They are derived from the myriad of teachers who have learned to “borrow” from everyone and adapt what they learn to create their own effective classroom experiences.

Effective teachers adapt; they do not adopt. Adopt means you want someone to tell you what to do, or you can see only what a teacher in a similar grade level or subject area teaches.

Adapt means you read and watch examples of good classroom teaching. Then you adapt and create your own classroom style and plan.

The reason successful teachers are so effective is that they have learned to continually adapt. They keep creating, innovating, and adapting techniques in a logarithmic progression. With each progression, these teachers become more proficient and effective, and they relish their success.

You make your own success from what you adapt.

We live in a world where everything is a click away. Come here from time to time to review additional information that has been added. Use the GoBes, and add *lagniappe* to your life!