

Explorers Tips:

1. Check out the *Weekly Teaching Essential* List to help you in preparation for the quarter. While your *Teaching Guide* lists items needed for each lesson, this list can help you at the front end of the quarter to help you know which *Teaching Essentials* are needed for each lesson.
2. Check classroom supplies and take advantage of Back-to-School sales to stock up on items that are often used (pencils, crayons, markers, etc.). Be sure to purchase extra boxes of tissues and hand sanitizer for the upcoming winter months. Consider asking parents to donate of of each of the items.
3. Did you know the Teaching Guide is available online? A code is provided in the *Teaching Essentials* packet that allows access to the PDFs of the lessons.
4. The fall quarter is when many churches promote students to new classes. Get to know your students. Take a picture of the students at the beginning of the quarter and display them in your classroom. Download the *All About Me* worksheet and have the students complete them. Display them around the classroom.
5. The *Teaching Essentials* are available in four different translations. Your students may not have the translation you are using in their homes. Download and copy the sheet with the application verses for the quarter and send home with the students. Encourage them to review the verses at home and find ways to apply God's Word to their lives.

Welcome to the new D6 EveryDay Curriculum! Here are a few helpful hints and ideas to help you get started!

1. Page 2 explains the ideology for D6 EveryDay Curriculum and what is included in the Teaching Guide.
2. Page 3 explains the five steps around which each lesson is built. It also explains the additional features included in each lesson.
3. Page 4 tells what is included in the Teaching Resources. It also provides additional information on *Explorer's Guide*, the devotional magazine for the students in this age group.
4. Page 5-6 provide general guidelines and principles regarding to talking with children about Spiritual matters including how to lead them to Christ.
5. Upon receiving the Teaching Resources, cut apart the Teaching Pictures along the dotted lines. Make a copy of all reproducibles and *Field Notes* at the beginning of the quarter. Be sure to always have a few extras for visitors. Create an organizational system that works best for you and your classroom.
6. Browse through the Teaching Guide at the beginning of the quarter, and utilize the Preparation Checklist provided for every lesson. It is a list of what is needed for the different parts of the lesson, whether it is a Teaching Essential, a common classroom item, or one that needs to be obtained prior to class. Make a list of any supplies you will need for the quarter on large sticky notes and attach them to the front of the teaching guide so they are a visible reminder of what is needed. Be sure you have them all and know where they are so they will be easily accessible when you need them. Try to obtain any that are needed for the quarter as soon as possible to avoid the last-minute frustration of not being able to find an item.
7. Also, at the beginning of the quarter, take note of any monologues or dramas that require additional help or assistance. Be sure to give the persons doing the monologues

or dramas plenty of advance notice as well as a friendly reminder as the date approaches.

8. The *Field Notes* are a weekly link between the class and home. One side is to be utilized while teaching the lesson. The other side is designed to reinforce what was taught in the classroom to help continue the conversation at home. It includes the family theme, Scripture studied, the application verse that is being learned, a simple summary of what was taught, and a challenge for the student to live out what God's Word says. It also provides a Bible Basics topic for families to talk about and an activity for families to do together.
9. Included in the Explorer's Teaching Resources is a copy of the quarter's student devotional magazine, *Explorer's Guide*. Use it to help encourage your students to spend time every day in God's Word and applying what they've learned to their lives. Use the different jokes, crafts, recipes, and articles included in the magazine as a springboard for conversation with your students.
10. Pray each day for your students and that God will use you to teach His Word.