

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. Download and copy a Father's Day card for the students to make on June 21, 2020. Be sure to be sensitive to those students who may not have a good relationship with their father or whose fathers may be deceased. Allow students to give the card to someone who is special to them.
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. Many students may be on vacation or various camps throughout the summer months. Be sure to send a note to any absent students letting them know they were missed and to stay connected with them. Students love getting mail and appreciate know you care.
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 D6 curriculum! Here are a few helpful hints and ideas to help you get started!

1. If you're new to the CLEAR Learning System, page 2 of the Teaching Guide will help explain the different aspects of it.
2. Page 3 tells about the Application Verse and the Lesson Objectives. It also provides an explanation for the various icons that are featured in each lesson.
3. Read page 4-5 to gain a better understanding of the products used with this age group. Look through your teaching guide, the *Teaching Essentials* packet, and the *Explorer's Guide* together to understand how each part is used.
4. Page 5 gives an introduction to the three different units. It provides an overall description for each unit as well as what we hope the students will gain through the lessons.
5. Page 6 provides general guidelines and principles regarding to talking with children about Spiritual matters including how to lead them to Christ.
6. File folders or two-gallon plastic bags work well to hold each week's Teaching Pictures, reproducible, and *Field Notes*. Make a list of any supplies you will need for the month on a large sticky note and attach it to the front of the teaching guide before the first Sunday of each month. Be sure you have them all and know where they are so they will be easily accessible when you need them. Make a copy of all reproducible at the beginning of the month. Place them in the plastic bag or a file folder. Be sure to always have a few extras for visitors.

7. Browse through the Teaching Guide at the beginning of the quarter, making note of items that may be required for a CONNECT activity. 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. 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. Download Home Connection for your parents. It is a one-stop resource for connecting the entire family based on the D6 curriculum. It is free and available at www.d6home.com.
9. Choose CONNECT Activities that best fit the needs of your classroom. You know your students best. Feel free to adapt any of these to the personalities of your children.
10. Pray each day for your students and that God will use you to teach His Word.