A Top Ten List of Teaching Hints: Things “a friend” learned through experiences that went wrong.

“Most ideas about teaching are not new, but not everyone knows the old ideas.” Euclid, ca. 300 B.C.
Tip #10: Teaching is not a skill.... It is a set of skills
Tip #9: Start where your students are, not where you are.

The best teachers are translators.
Tip #8: Test Your Assumptions

...especially when your buttons are pushed.
Tip #7: Be aware of the subtle ways in which you communicate your classroom expectations.

The unspoken is often more powerful than the explicit.
Tip #6:
Good news! You don’t have to know all the answers.

- Admit when you don’t know something
- Promise to find the answer
- Follow up
Tip #5:
Don’t be intimidated.
Tip #4: Get really good at asking questions that do what you want them to do.

- Review
- Discourse Marking
- Socratic
- Classroom management
Tip #3: Use Discourse Markers and Redundancy.

“Now let’s move on to the next step. Before we do that, what questions do you have?”
Tip #2

Silence is extremely powerful.
And today’s #1 teaching tip...
Tip #1: When it comes to good teaching, variety is not optional.

*It is essential.*