



Character Education Resource Center *News You Can Use*

July 2020

About July

The name of the seventh month of the year was given by the Roman Senate in 46 B.C. in honor of emperor Julius Caesar.

July is known for the highest number of US presidents' death - seven US presidents have died so far in July, which is way higher than any other month.

On July 4, the Continental Congress approved the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. On July 8, the first public reading of the Declaration took place at the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

Special holidays in July include the 4th of July celebration of United States' Independence, Bastille Day in France (14th of July), Canada Day (July 1st).

For this 7th month of the year, we offer our list of **seven suggestions** for you to consider and share with others.

7 Biggest Parenting Mistakes that Destroy Kids' Confidence and Self-Esteem

[September 2019, Amy Morin](#)

1. Letting them escape responsibilities
2. Preventing them from making mistakes
3. Protecting them from their emotions
4. Condoning a victim mentality
5. Being overprotective
6. Expecting perfection
7. Punishing, rather than disciplining

7 Grading Tips for New Teachers

[March 2018, Andrea Marshbank, Edutopia](#)

1. Don't grade everything
2. Cycle your feedback
3. Have students grade other students
4. Use technology wisely
5. Don't assign busywork
6. Use rubrics
7. Grade whenever possible

7 Ideas About Rule-Making

[August 2012, Nancy Flanagan,](#)

1. We want kids to behave appropriately because they understand that there are rewards for everyone in a civil, well-managed school.
2. You're shooting for influence, not control.
3. No matter what rules you put on paper, your most important job is role-modeling those practices, not enforcing them.
4. Rules shouldn't restate the obvious.
5. On the other hand, do give clear instructions about what kids don't know
6. Integrity helps build community.
7. Carrots and sticks are temporary nudges toward desirable behavior at best, but ultimately destructive.

7 Things Children Wish Their Teachers and Parents Knew

[October 2019, Eileen Carr - Education Week-Digital Edition](#)

1. Kids want you to know how hard they're trying.
2. Kids want grownups to be happy
3. Kids want to be believed.
4. Kids want grownups to be more honest.
5. Kids want electronics just as much as grownups do.
6. Kids want a break from over-scheduling.
7. Kids want grownups to love them just as they are.

7 Ways to Achieve Effective Collaboration in the Workplace

<https://www.teodesk.com/blog/effective-collaboration/>

1. Know your people – Their strengths and weaknesses
2. Determine roles & responsibilities
3. Create an atmosphere of trust
4. Nurture creativity
5. Make the office home-like
6. Listen to your employee
7. Lead by your own example

7 Tips for Building Positive School Culture (by School Administrators)

[October 2019, Naaz Modan -- Education Dive](#)

1. Value everyone's journey
2. Avoid negative messaging
3. Encourage risk-taking
4. Model the behavior you expect from others
5. Support others and never lose your humor
6. Do the little things that go a long way
7. Make time to greet others.

7 Tips for Raising Honest Children

June 2011, Jeff Wolfe & Richard Bromfield, *Daily Parent*,
<https://dailyparent.com/articles/seven-tips-for-raising-honest-children/>

1. Create room for candor.
 2. Seek to understand.
 3. Hold you child responsible.
 4. Discuss honesty.
 5. Model honesty.
 6. Beware of hypocrisy.
 7. Teach rather than rebuke.
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An email, 6-19-2020:

Ed, I am not an expert in culturally-relevant pedagogy, diversity, or children's literature. I am a teacher looking to learn more about racial equity and how to create spaces in my classroom to talk to students about race, racism and empowerment. I feel it is important and necessary to also seek out resources to help me. Does the Center have resources on this topic that you can send me?

25 Steps to Help You Become a Culturally Responsive Teacher

5 Steps Educators Must Take Now to Become Culturally Responsive Teachers

[\(June 2020\), Mikalea Prego](#)

Five steps teachers can take this summer to be ready to create inclusive spaces and talk to our students about race, racism and empowerment.

1. Ask a librarian or bookstore owner
2. Diversify classroom libraries
3. Strengthen vocabulary & deepen understanding
4. Plan intentional time to talk (5) Listen.

5 Steps to Becoming a Culturally Responsive Teacher

[Teach Away \(August 2017\), Kathy Deady.](#)

1. Assess your own behavior. Your attitudes are influenced by your own culture. You need to be sensitive to the differences in attitudes that may arise in the classroom.
2. Get to know your students. Be proactive when it comes to learning about the different cultural backgrounds of the students in your classroom.
3. Make your classroom a judgment-free zone.
4. Culturally responsive teaching is an approach that is student-focused.
5. Include all cultures in your teaching,

Culturally Responsive Teaching; 5 Strategies for Educators

(July 2019). [Kristin Burnham](#).

1. Activate students' prior knowledge. Teachers should encourage students to draw on their prior knowledge in order to contribute to group discussions.
2. Tie lessons from the curriculum to the students' social communities to make it more contextual and relevant.
3. Encourage students to leverage their cultural capital. It's important to encourage those who don't to still have a voice.
4. Take inventory of the books in your classroom library: Do they include authors of diverse races? Is the LGBTQ community represented?
5. Build relationships.

5 Best Ways to Become a Culturally Responsive Teacher

(July 2019), Hem Maradia.

1. Assess your own behavior. If your students' cultures differ from yours, you need to be sensitive to the differences in attitudes that may arise in the classroom.
2. Get to know your students. Be proactive when it comes to learning about the different cultural backgrounds of the students in your classroom.
3. Make your classroom a judgment-free zone. Students must be able to look at situations regarding culture with an unbiased opinion and be comfortable asking questions to further their understanding.
4. Adapt your teaching. Culturally responsive teaching is an approach that is student-focused.
5. Include all cultures in your teaching. In your lessons, choose content that reflects the different cultures of your students. Lessons should incorporate multicultural information and approaches whenever possible.

<http://www.toppr.com/bytes/culturally-responsive-teaching>

Top 5 Techniques for Culturally Responsive Teaching

(September 2018), Matthew Lynch.

Teachers should develop their own strategies, as well as take cues from their students to make a culturally responsive classroom succeed.

1. Get your students names right.
2. Encourage students to learn about each other.
3. Give student a voice.
4. Be aware of language constraints.
5. Hand out praised accordingly.

<http://www.theedadvocate.org/top-5-techniques-for...>

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and **feedback:** character@sandiego.edu

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