

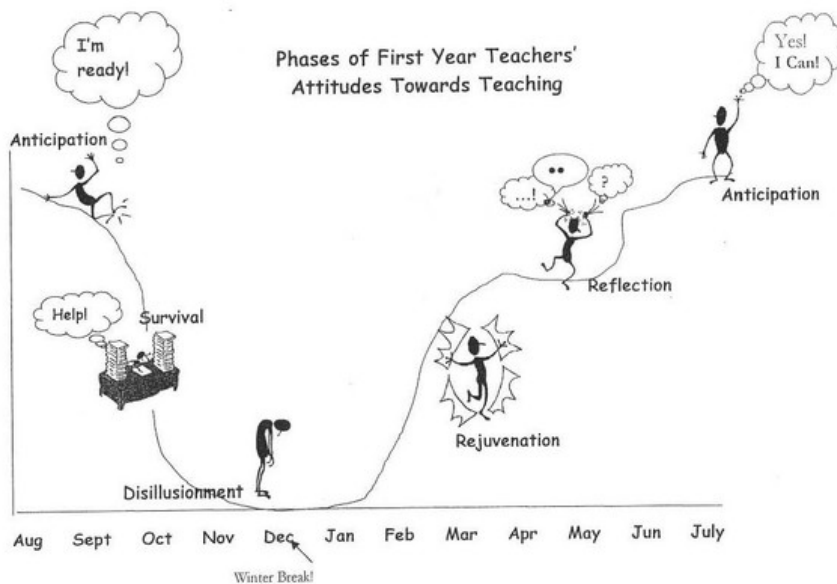
Mentor Minutes

February 2020

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school."

- Albert Einstein

Rejuvenation Phase



The rejuvenation phase is characterized by a slow rise in the new teacher's attitude toward teaching. It generally begins in January. Having a winter break makes a tremendous difference for new teachers. It allows them to resume a normal lifestyle, with plenty of rest, food, exercise, and time for family and friends. This vacation is the first opportunity that new teachers have for organizing materials and planning curriculum. It is a time for them to sort through materials that have accumulated and to prepare new ones. This breath of fresh air gives novice teachers a broader perspective with renewed hope!

New Teacher Academy Expectations

As a part of the New Teacher Academy, you are expected to take an online or on-site mentor seminar class AND 1 additional development class (paid for by the Mentor Program) before the end of your first year of teaching. You are expected to take 2 additional classes during your 2nd year of teaching.



Friendly Reminders:

Extended School Year (ESY):
Remember, not all students who receive special education services qualify for extended school year (ESY). You collected data before break. Did you collect the same data when you re-turned?

You can use this data to show regression and recoupment of skills, which is an important factor in determining whether a student needs ESY services.

2019/20 ESY Dates

June 22, 2020 – July 17, 2020 (No ESY July 3rd)

210 min/day or 1050/week

Early Childhood ESY:

Session 1 June 22 – July 2

Session 2 July 7 – July 17

ESY student hours are 8:30 – 12:00
(210 minutes per day)

**For questions, please contact
your IC or the ESY Coordinators**

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Check it out:

Math Games: <https://www.youcubed.org/tasks/> You'll need to create an account, but it's quick and free. The tasks are sorted by topics and grades.

Achieve the Core: <https://achievethecore.org/> is a website that can be used by any ELA/Math teacher grades K-12. It has great information regarding the shift to the Common Core standards. It also has lesson planning and reflection tools, and classroom resources such as sample lesson plans and assessments. The Coherence Map is part of the website that special education teachers can use for writing IEP goals and objectives. I highly recommend checking it out!