Making the Most of the First Day of Class

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Main Goals
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Introduction to WCC & Resources
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Begin Building a Community

Be ORGANIZED and be PREPARED!!!
Housekeeping
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Check if students are registered
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Give an overview of the course content
Housekeeping

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Give an overview of the course content

Review Expectations
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College Information
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Learning Support Services

http://www.wccnet.edu/learningsupport/
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Learning Support Services

Advising and Counseling

http://www.wccnet.edu/advising/
College Information

Learning Support Services

Advising and Counseling

Math Resource Center & Writing Center

http://www.wccnet.edu/mathcenter/

http://www.wccnet.edu/departments/english/writingcenter.php
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Student Rights and Responsibilities

http://www.wccnet.edu/academicinfo/studentrights/
Building Community
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Begin to learn student names
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Share something about yourself
Building Community

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Share something about yourself

Learn something about them
Building Community

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Share something about yourself
Learn something about them
Reassure them they can succeed
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Share something about yourself
Learn something about them
Reassure them they can succeed
Discuss behavioral expectations
Classroom Contract

A tool for the first day
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if I...
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if I...

• come to every class on time
• ask question when I’m lost
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if I...

• come to every class on time
• ask question when I’m lost
• am patient with myself
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if I...

• come to every class on time
• ask question when I’m lost
• am patient with myself
• do seven math problems everyday
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if I...

• come to every class on time
• ask question when I’m lost
• am patient with myself
• do seven math problems everyday
• believe I can learn math
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my classmates...
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my classmates…

• turn off their cell phones
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my classmates...

- turn off their cell phones
- are patient with me
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my classmates…

• turn off their cell phones
• are patient with me
• bathe regularly
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my teacher...
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my teacher...

• uses different tactics to teach me
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my teacher...

• *uses different tactics to teach me*
• *doesn’t give homework*
Classroom Contract

I will be a better math student if my teacher...

• uses different tactics to teach me
• doesn’t give homework
• is respectful
Classroom Contract

The end product:

A list of behaviors that everyone in the class is expected to follow

An activity that gives students a sense of control over the class environment

A chance for the students and teacher to discuss their common goals and plans for reaching those goals.
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Be Organized and Prepared