FIRST Week Checklist Survival for Teachers

Classroom Setup Tips

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Hey Teacher Bestie,

Welcome to Mimi's Learning Land™! Whether you're teaching littles, leading a classroom of big personalities, or building routines from scratch — I created this freebie to help you start the year with clarity, calm, and cute templates that save you hours.

This First Week Survival Kit includes:

- A realistic checklist (with peace built in)
- Editable classroom resources
- 10 ChatGPT prompts to help you plan faster
- ✓ And a little encouragement because YOU matter too

You're not just "getting ready for school"... you're building a safe, joyful space for kids to learn and grow. And that deserves tools and support that actually help.

So grab your coffee (or cold brew), print what you need, and let's make this your best school year yet

You've got this — and I got you. With love + sticky notes,

Mimi Smiles Mimi's Learning Land

CLASSROOM PREP

- Arrange desks or centers in your preferred setup
- ✓ Post your classroom rules, expectations & daily schedule
- Label student supplies, cubbies, and shared materials
- Create your calm corner and/or early finisher area
- Set up classroom jobs chart with visuals
- ✓ Prep read-alouds, icebreakers, and community-building games
- Print & post your hallway and classroom signs

PAPERWORK & PLANNING

- Print class roster & parent contact list
- ✓ Prepare allergy/medical info and lunch count system
- ✓ Organize IEPs/504 plans and accommodations
- Finalize your first week lesson plans (with backups!)
- Prep your sub binder/emergency folder (even if it's simple)
- Schedule fire drill & school tour times (if needed)
- ✓ Bookmark login info for tech + platforms

PARENT COMMUNICATION

- Send a welcome letter or email to families
- ✓ Distribute your classroom policies & procedures
- Set up a system for two-way communication (folder, app, or log)
- Have editable notes ready for behavior, praise, or reminders
- Create QR codes or short links for sign-ups or info sheets

STUDENT CONNECTION & CULTURE

- Prep your "About Me" slides or activity
- ✓ Plan one fun, low-pressure writing or drawing task
- Create a positive note or certificate to send home after week 1
- ✓ Introduce your class motto, chant, or theme for the year
- Schedule time for free play, choice time, or movement breaks
- Build in time for classroom routines and expectations review

TEACHER REMINDER:

A YOU DON'T NEED TO DO IT ALL THE FIRST WEEK — YOU JUST NEED TO SET THE TONE.

REST IS PART OF THE PLAN. RESET AS NEEDED. YOU GOT THIS, BESTIE.

10 CHATGPT PROMPTS FOR TEACHERS

LESSON PLANNING

Create a 3-day reading lesson plan for 2nd grade based on the theme of kindness, with an activity and exit ticket.

Give me a first-week math warm-up routine for 4th grade using group work and visuals.

Plan a mini-lesson introducing classroom expectations for K–1 students, including a story suggestion and class activity.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Write a professional welcome letter to families that introduces me and my classroom rules in a warm, friendly tone.

Create a positive parent note to send home after a great first week of school.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

List 5 positive reinforcement strategies I can use during the first week to help set classroom behavior expectations.

Draft a behavior reflection form that students can complete after a disruption, using kid-friendly language.

ROUTINES & CULTURE

Give me a calm-down corner introduction script I can use with students on the first day.

Create a chant or class motto I can teach my students to build class identity and connection.

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TIME-SAVING TEMPLATES

Create a simple, editable weekly parent newsletter template that includes sections for reminders, highlights, and upcoming events.

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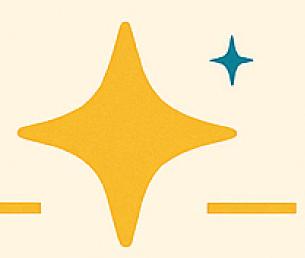
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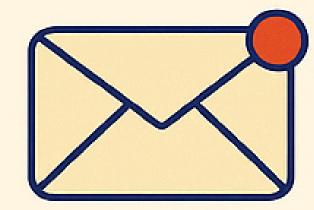
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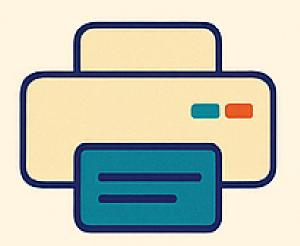
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Find the right plan for your classroom needs

Glow Lite \$25/month

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- Up to 5 custom lesson plans/month
- Mini themed bundle
- Monthly Canva template
- VIP chat support

48-72 hr turnaround

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- Full themed bundle
- **Bonus resource request**
- Canua + editable formats
- Voting rights

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- \$10/single
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Rush order: +\$10

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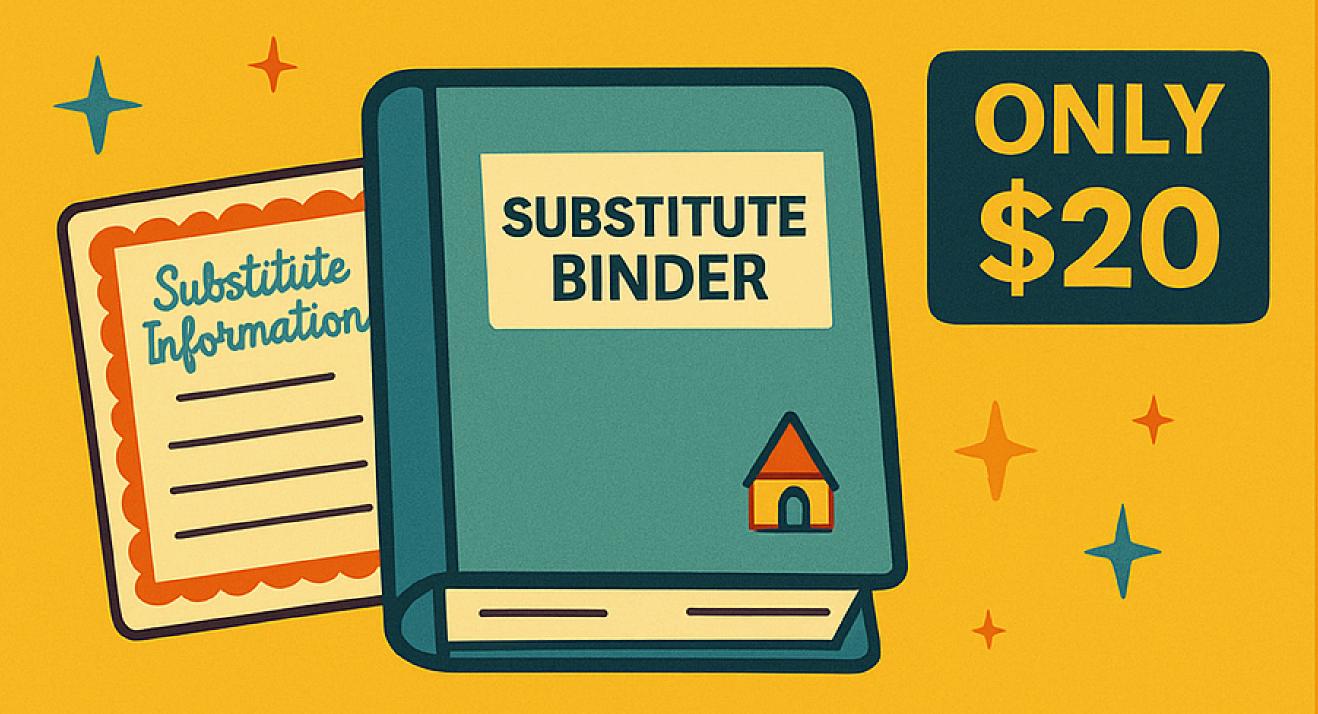
- Daily, weekly, monthly, or seasonal plan
- Standards-based & classroom-tested

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CUSTOM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER BINDER



INCLUDES:

- Editable templates for your schedule, contacts, class rules + more
- ✓ PDF file delivered in 2–3 business days
- ✓ Branded with your name or classroom theme