

Substitute Orientation

Special Education Tips

DO This	DON'T Do This
Collaborate with the paraprofessional	Don't make assumptions without being familiar with the student or situation
Use good judgement	Don't escalate a situation
Maintain high standards and expectations for students	Don't say "Special Ed" class
Treat students with dignity	Don't be condescending or insulting to students' specific needs
Make relationships with the students	
Expect work to be done and let teacher know of issues	
Get involved with the lesson	
Help individuals who need extra support	

Other thoughts/tips:

Students are in Special Ed for a variety of reasons; some students struggle with learning, some struggle with behaviors, some have physical limitations, some have combinations of different disabilities.

You may have another adult present in the classroom who is familiar with the students; USE them and their knowledge to help you instruct the class.

You are their teacher for that period on that day. Please remember you are making an impact on their day and school year. The more you sub, the more comfortable the students will become with you.