

10 Quick Things to Make Your Guitar Class Most Successful

1. Keep your expectations low and your compliments high!
2. Do not push through materials too quickly!
3. Create the Desire for Mastery as soon as possible and keep it alive!
4. Create a realistic timeline. Know EXACTLY how many days of contact you have for the quarter, the semester and the year. Know EXACTLY how much material you will need to keep students engaged every minute of every class period. Too much material is ALWAYS BETTER than not enough! Know how many pages of materials the class can cover in one week in order to complete the method book(s) and fulfill the state curriculum.
5. Keep students engaged! The more they are playing, the better things will be!
6. No free time!
7. Classroom management – Caring for the instruments.
8. Classroom management – Do not tolerate talking or playing while you are giving instruction!
9. Teach, reteach and teach again!
10. Do regular performance assessments and do them in a way that they do not appear to be a “playing test.”