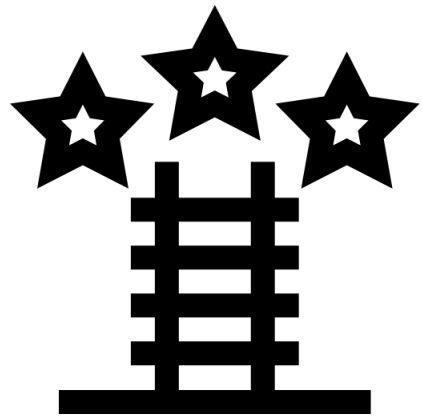

Helpful Hacks for the Co-Taught Classroom

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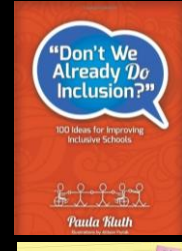

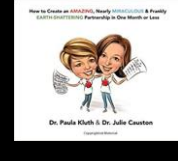

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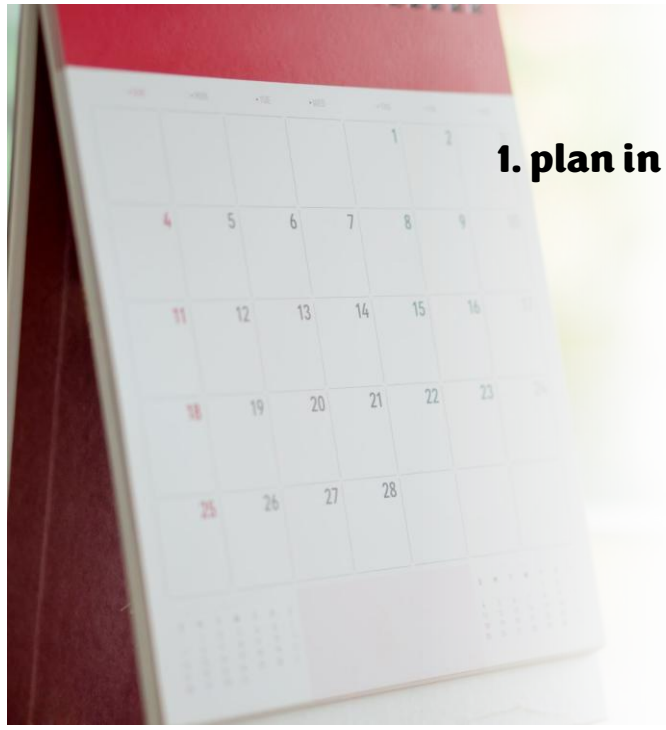


1. plan in patterns

- patterns help all partners---not just co-teachers
- patterns help planning

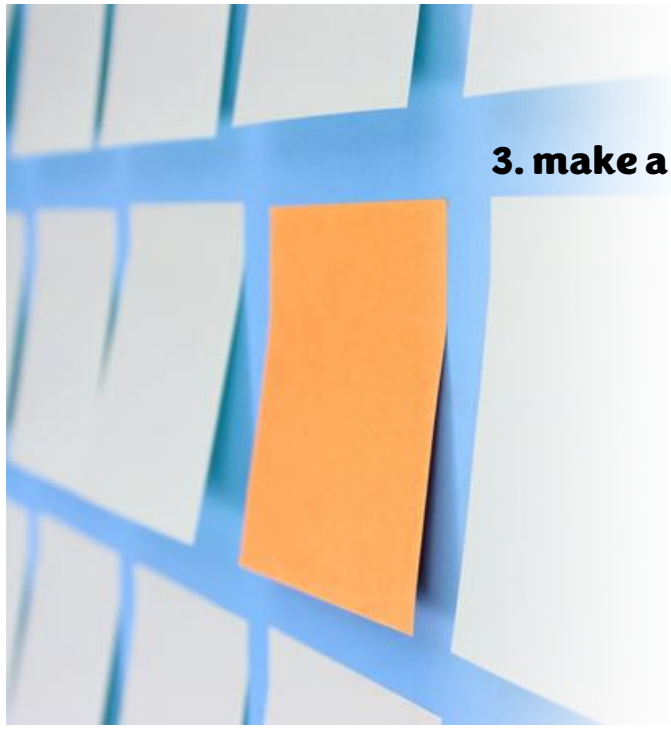
Are there ways your schedule and plans can become more predictable so that it's easier to coordinate with your partners?

examples

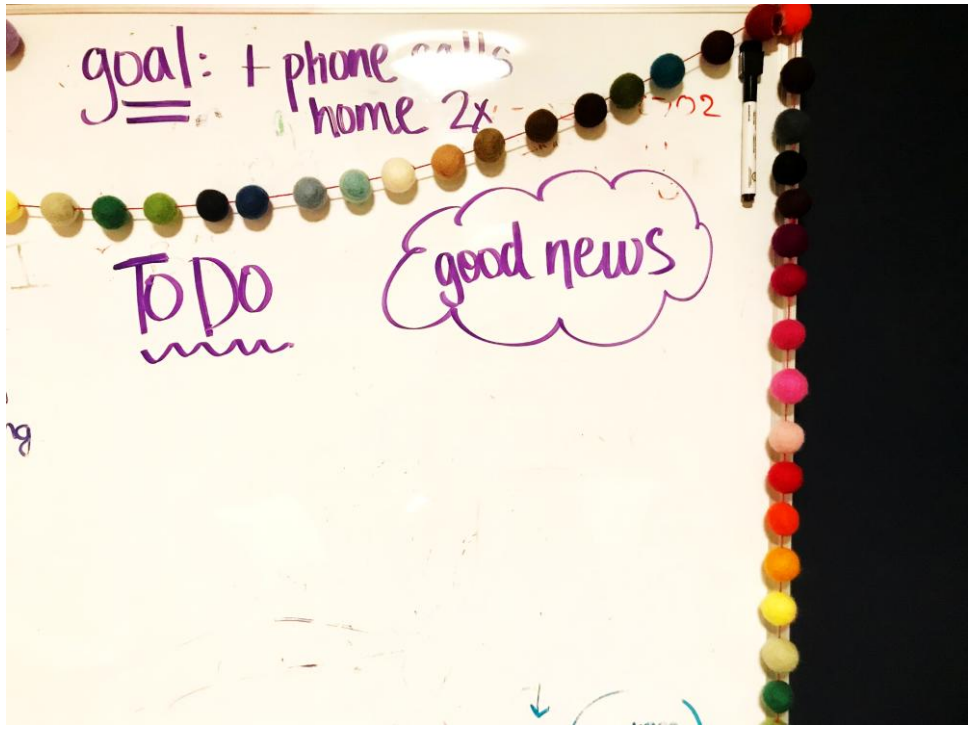
- discussion groups on Wednesdays
- daily movement break or wellness break
- 15-minute review game on Fridays
- Mondays: quick writes at the top of the hour
- choice boards: 2 consecutive days during each unit
- Friday "First Fifteen": content-related kiddie lit
- all units begin with an interactive notebook review

2. batch your lessons

- ❑ Create a schedule (e.g., beginning of each quarter).
- ❑ Keep targets in mind.
- ❑ Remember your patterns or establish new ones.
- ❑ Start with a small batch.
- ❑ Choose an inspiring space or go off campus.
- ❑ Make it an event (e.g., have snacks, invite others).
- ❑ Don't forget your team planning tools!



3. make a display



4. ask the kids

ideas: student support & collaboration

- feedback and suggestions
- classroom rituals/jobs
- filling in at a center/station
- leading activities
- planning lessons

5. steal ideas