

Easy to Use SAT Strategies for your Classroom

Below is a list of SAT strategies that would be easy to use in your classroom. You don't have to deviate from the curriculum to incorporate some of these ideas in your regular instruction. Whatever strategies you choose to use in your course will definitely help our students when they take the SAT!

1. First and foremost, familiarize yourself with the SAT so you know what types of problems are being asked. Click below for a quick review.
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
2. Use the SAT Question of the Day as a warm-up. If the students get the process correct, move on. Don't worry about them other ways to solve the problem. The question of the day should not take longer than 5 minutes. Below is the link to download the SAT Question of the Day app for your i-phone or Android device:
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>
3. Incorporate SAT questions that parallel the chapter and/or unit you are teaching.
4. Review our school's PSAT score report and include review questions for those weaker skills throughout the semester.
5. Create a list of most missed SAT problems/concepts and give to students and parents. Post on your blog, review in class, discuss at Open House, etc.
6. Start with easier SAT questions for warm-ups so students quickly gain confidence.
7. Remember to check out Harrison's SSP blog for helpful SAT information.

8. Have students keep a composition notebook for practice SAT questions – one question per page. When a student gets a question correct, have student highlight the boundary of the page. As the semester progresses, students will see their SAT composition book transition from white to colorful which will give them confidence in taking the SAT!
9. Create a Word Wall with relevant vocabulary. This strategy can help with the word problems on the SAT. The Word Wall should be ongoing throughout the semester. There are lots of ways to incorporate a Word Wall in your classroom; below is a starting point if you need a quick idea!
<http://schools.yrdsb.ca/markville.ss/mm/oise2005/bestpractice/wordwall.htm>
10. As an extension to the Word Wall, occasionally ask students to draw a pictorial/image of the word you are teaching.
11. Consider adding an SAT question on your tests as a bonus.
12. Practice reading directions by underlining or circling the exact directions for a section or question, and remind students that “decoys” or “distractors” are sometimes added to problems.
13. Finally, when you are making your tests, consider using 80% new material and 20% old material. This strategy will help students strengthen their long term memory which is key for the SAT.