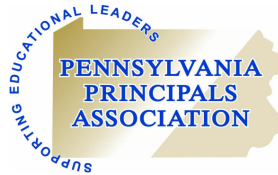


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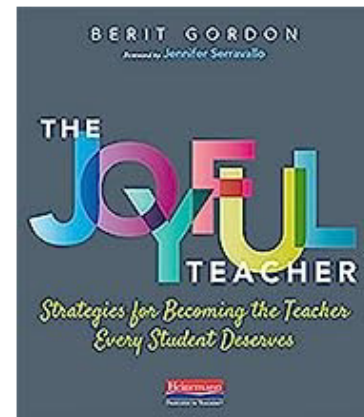
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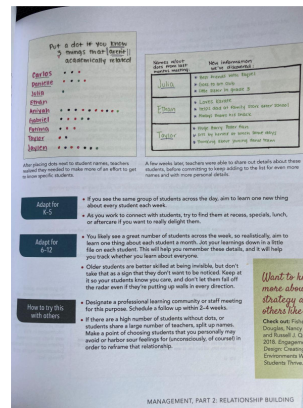
Lately I have been focusing too much on the burnout I see in schools. I forget that teachers go into the profession because they actually **like teaching**. I personally LOVED teaching (still do!) And a sure-fire way to move beyond educator burnout is to support teachers in doing their **job well**.



***The Joyful Teacher*** by Berit Gordon helps to do just this. This all-things-pedagogy book is like a manual for K-12 teachers, but “manual” sounds like something boring and dense, which this most definitely is not.

Gordon is a veteran teacher and a teacher of teachers. With all of this experience she put together the **type of book she wish she had had** when she taught.

For the book she gathered 100 research-based strategies in the 10 most important aspects of teaching (management, student independent practice, formative assessment, student talk and collaboration, etc.). Each strategy is clearly and simply explained, accompanied by photos, and includes adaptations for all grade levels. A picture of one page gives you the idea:



Very accessible, wouldn't you say? Also, **I've created a PPT** you can adapt and use to introduce some of the strategies from the book to your teachers when they return to school.

**I have 3 resources for you this month.**  
(Click on the links for access.)

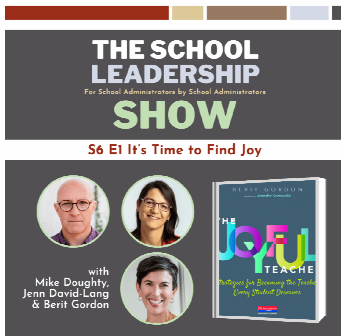
- My usual full 8-page pdf summary of **The Joyful Teacher** or the **html link** to read on your phone.
- My **PPT workshop** (you can request it) and the **Teacher Handout** that goes along with it.
- A great **podcast discussion** with author Berit Gordon about the book – see below.

I hope this book and these resources are useful in supporting your teachers. Enjoy, and remember you can reach out to me for any reason (feedback, book suggestions, to wish me a good summer 😊, etc.)

As always, I'll be back on the 15<sup>th</sup> – August 15.

**Jenn**

PS – To learn more or get the book, click here: **Heinemann**



## Podcast Conversation on using *The Joyful Teacher*

Mike and I had a great convo with Berit Gordon – join us and listen in!

Learn ways to support your teachers with strategies from *The Joyful Teacher*.

Straight from the mouth of the author.

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