Your Classroom Management

- **Join your local association/TSTA/NEA** and connect with teacher experts across the state and around the nation.
- Plan for classroom management the same as you do instruction.
- Get to know your students and let them get to know you; everyone needs to feel connected to school.
- Let the first thing parents hear from you be positive.
- Remember the 80/20 rule: 80% of the behavior problems in your class are caused by 20% of the students.
- Deal with difficult behavior when it happens; if not, it may become a wildfire.
- **GO SLOW TO GO FAST!** Teach rules, procedures, and routines early; you do not want students still learning where to put things when it’s time for the STAAR test.
- Enforce your rules and expect everyone in your classroom (students and adults) to abide by them.
- Greet your students at the door with a smile.
- Be ready to go; one of biggest transition problems is a teacher who isn’t ready.
- Change rules if they don’t work.
- Model the behaviors you want to see in others.
- Students are not adults and they’ve never been in YOU class before; so they still need to learn the rules, procedures, and routines for YOUR classroom.