

BASIC GERBERISMS

- * find & establish “DO” – find & establish Beat 1
- * start with music –and allow it to do its own magic
- * telling ain't teaching
- * pose problems
- * find the angle
- * create a safe psychological environment
- * ask: they need to know this “in order to what?” and then . . .
- * ask double questions
- * teach the sound before the symbol
- * create a need to know -- and to listen again
- * check for understanding
- * never be dull
- * learn your students’ names as fast as possible
- * be on time
- * set an example of civility and respect
- * help your students cultivate character and conscience
- * plan, plan & plan again, using aesthetic principle of unity / variety
- * look people in the eye--especially when you first meet them
- * start with the music
- * laugh frequently
- * don't take yourself too seriously
- * use only fabulous music, music that you are passionate about
- * hold off making judgments until the last possible moment
- * assume that all kids can learn
- * use lavish praise and when warranted, gentle criticism
- * live below your means
- * tell the truth