**Mrs. Zablocki’s Teaching ESL Students Survival Guide**

1. Students are easily embarrassed, and they may appear sad, angry, and frustrated. Don’t take it personally!
2. Students might chatter a lot in class to try and figure out what is going on.
3. USE PICTURES. USE PICTURES.USE PICTURES.
4. Act out what you are trying to teach. Be animated! Use hand signals.
5. Make a conscious effort to speak slowly and clearly.
6. Take out “fluff” language.
7. Create opportunities for students to read and write in your class.
8. Find ESL students a helper/partner/peer tutor.
9. Always check for understanding. (whiteboards are great!)
10. Make a word wall. Use it. Refer back to it often.
11. Utilize sentence stems.
12. You must incorporate the ELPS.
13. Choral response
14. Videos with subtitles are wonderful.
15. They may be quiet, but they may understand you. There is a “silence” period with ESL students and this is totally normal and natural.
16. Show interest in their lives and cultures.
17. Get ready for laughs. (Ask me about the “zip” story)
18. Make them listen to other English speakers (video/audio clips)
19. Just because they don’t speak the language, does NOT mean they are not intelligent or hardworking.
20. Provide them with a copy of the class notes.
21. Repeat yourself.
22. Be patient.
23. Plan your lessons thoroughly to incorporate the ELPS.
24. Hands on activities are wonderful-you will not be able to just lecture.
25. Encourage them to get involved in extra curricular activities.

ANYTHING THAT YOU DO THAT BENEFITS YOUR ESL STUDENTS, WILL ASSIST YOUR ENGLISH SPEAKING STUDENTS AS WELL!