



Free or Inexpensive Elementary Level Ideas for Reinforcement

1. Assist the custodian
2. Assist with morning announcements over the PA system
3. Be a helper in another classroom
4. Be featured on a photo recognition board
5. Be recognized during announcements
6. Be the first one in the lunch line
7. Be the leader of a class game
8. Be the line leader or the caboose
9. Be the teacher's helper for the day
10. Choose a book for the teacher to read aloud to the class
11. Choose any class job for the week
12. Choose music for the class to hear
13. Choose the game during physical education
14. Choose which homework problem the teacher will give the answer to for a freebie
15. Dance to favorite music in the classroom
16. Design a class/school bulletin board
17. Design and make a bulletin board
18. Do half of an assignment
19. Draw on the chalkboard
20. Earn a free pass to a school event or game
21. Earn a gift certificate to the school store or book fair
22. Earn a pass to the zoo, aquarium, or museum
23. Earn a trophy, plaque, ribbon or certificate
24. Earn an item
25. Earn extra computer time



26. Earn extra credit
27. Earn free tutoring time from the teacher (spelling secrets, math secrets, writing secrets)
28. Earn play money to be used for privileges
29. Earn points for good behavior to “buy” unique rewards (e.g. Autographed items with special meaning or lunch with the teacher)
30. Earn the privilege of emailing a parent at work telling of accomplishments
31. Eat lunch outdoors with the class
32. Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
33. Eat lunch with an invited adult (grandparent, aunt, uncle)
34. Eat with a friend in the classroom (with the teacher)
35. Enjoy a positive visit with the principal
36. Enjoy class outdoors for the whole class
37. Enter a drawing for donated prizes among students who meet certain grade standards
38. Get “free choice” time at the end of the day
39. Get a “no homework” pass
40. Teach a lesson to the class
41. Get a flash cards set printed from a computer
42. Get a video store or movie theatre coupon
43. Get extra art time
44. Go on a walking field trip (earn privilege for whole class)
45. Go to the library to select a book to read
46. Have a drawing lesson
47. Have a free serving of milk
48. Have a teacher read a special book to the entire class
49. Have an extra recess
50. Have teacher share a special skill (e.g. Sing)



51. Have the teacher make a positive phone call home
52. Help in a lower level class
53. Keep a stuffed animal at desk
54. Learn how to do something special on the computer- like graphics or adding sound
55. Listen to music while working
56. Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
57. Make deliveries to the office
58. Name put on scrolling marquee with a specific message "Emily Jones says smile and eat your veggies."
59. Operate the remote for a PowerPoint lesson
60. Pick a game at recess that everyone plays including the teacher
61. Play a computer game
62. Play a favorite game or puzzle
63. Read a book to the class
64. Read morning announcements
65. Read outdoors
66. Read to a younger class
67. Receive a "mystery pack" (gift-wrapped items such as a notepad, folder, puzzle, sports cards, etc.)
68. Receive a 5-minute chat break at the end of the class or at the end of the day
69. Receive a note of recognition from the teacher or principal
70. Receive a plant, seeds and a pot for growing
71. Receive art supplies, coloring books, glitter, bookmarks, rulers, stencils, stamps, pens, pencils, erasers and other school supplies
72. Receive verbal praise
73. Select a book to take home to read from the teacher's personal library



74. Sit at the teacher's desk for the day or a set amount of time
75. Sit next to the teacher during story time
76. Sit with a friend at lunch, assembly, etc.
77. Take a free homework pass
78. Take a trip to the treasure box (non-food items such as water bottles, stickers, key chains, temporary tattoos, yo-yo's, bubbles, spider rings, charms and pencil toppers)
79. Take care of the class animal
80. Be special honorary guest ball person at local high school sporting event
81. Take home a class game for a night
82. Teach the class a favorite game
83. Teach the class a math lesson
84. Use colored chalk
85. Use the teacher's chair
86. Walk with a teacher during lunch
87. Watch a video
88. Work as the Principal apprentice for 20 minutes
89. Work in the lunchroom



Secondary Level

1. Adult volunteers to write a job recommendation for the student
2. All school party on the weekend with different venues for all interests: (students with zero ODR's get to come) Have parents sponsor and chaperone
 - a. Dance area
 - b. Basketball area
 - c. Game board area
 - d. Conversation pit
 - e. Graffiti wall (piece of sheetrock painted white with sharpies of various colors)
 - f. Karaoke area
 - g. Computer animation area
3. Assisting Coach for any sport
4. Assisting PTO to develop ways to reward teachers who go out of their way to help students
5. Chance to go to grade school and teach students about a topic of interest
6. Choosing to do a PowerPoint for the class on a subject of interest
7. Choosing what assignment the class does for homework
8. Designing theme for school dance, ice cream social, game night
9. Dress as the school mascot during a game
10. Earning the chance to be the water/towel person at a sporting event
11. Earning the chance to do stagecraft for any school performance (lights, stage design, props)
12. Earning the chance to scoreboard assist at a game
13. Eating lunch with a preferred adult
14. Free entrance to a dance
15. Free entrance to a football, basketball, etc. game
16. Free library pass to research a topic of interest
17. Getting to cut the principal's tie off



18. Getting to duct tape the principal to the wall
19. Getting to scoop food at the cafeteria for a lunch period (social opportunity)
20. Getting to shoot a video about the school's expectations to show on TV
21. Hall pass to leave class 5 minutes early and go by the coldest water fountain
22. Help from an adult of choice on a class they are struggling with (Free tutoring)
23. Learning how to play chess
24. Learning how to do something of interest on the computer (animation, graphics, CAD)
25. Learning how to play sports even if they didn't make the team
26. Let student make a bulletin board in the front hall highlighting an event of choice
27. Make the morning announcements
28. Office aid for a period
29. Opportunity to be part of a brainstorming adult team at the school
30. Opportunity to eat lunch outdoors at a special table
31. Opportunity to eat lunch with a parent or grandparent at a special table
32. Opportunity to shadow business owner for a day- credit for writing about the experience
33. Opportunity to shadow the principal for an hour or the day
34. Opportunity to take care of lab animals in Science class
35. Opportunity to wear jeans instead of school uniform for a day
36. Principal grills hotdogs for students who have 0 tardies in the month & this student helps
37. Privilege of leaving book in class overnight instead of having to lug to locker
38. Privilege of seeing embarrassing photo of adult that no one else sees (Senior Portrait)
39. Reserved seating at a school play for student and five friends
40. Send home a postcard about positive things the student has done this week
41. Serve as a student ambassador if visitors come to the school
42. Sit at score table in basketball game
43. Sit in score box at a football game



44. Sitting in the teacher's chair for the period
45. Special parking preference for a day
46. Special recognition at any school event- Guest DJ one song at dance etc.
47. Special seating at lunch table with friends
48. Student gets to pick which problem the teacher will make a freebie answer on homework
49. Student plans spirit week activity for one of the days (hat day, sunglasses etc.)
50. Free homework pass
51. Teacher aid for special needs classroom
52. Teaching special needs student how to play a game