**Sayings as a Teaching Tool**

These sayings are nice opportunities for class discussions, debates, writing reflections, journal entries, dialogues, personal speeches that students prepare and present to class, newsletters, slogans for a weekly classroom decoration given to a different student each a time, games...

**The Importance of Time**

1. **Every day is a gift; that's why it's called the present.**

**2. "Someday" is not a day of the week**.

3. In Sefirah it's important to count the days...but equally important in sefirah, and in life, is to make the days count!

4. Make today count; you'll never get it back.

**Forgiveness**

1. The first to apologize is the bravest.  The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest.

2. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it enlarges the future.

**Getting Ahead**

1. Life is a bowl of cherries! Even the pits are opportunities for new growth.

2. Everything is good in the end ....if it's not good, then it's not the end!

3. Difficult things take a long time. Impossible things take a little longer.

4. Your life does not get better by CHANCE, it gets better by CHANGE!

5. The difference between "Try" and "Triumph" is a little "Umph"!

6**. By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.**

7. The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

**8. If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got.**

**9. The best way to predict the future is to create it.**

**10. The dictionary is the only place that "success" comes before "work".**

**Acronyms**

1. Before you speak, THINK!

T - is it True?

H - is it Helpful?

 I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary?

K - is it Kind?

2. TEAM:

Together

Everyone

Accomplishes

More

* Rabbi Paysach Krohn

3. FAITH

(F)orwarding

(A)ll

(I)ssues

(T)o

(H)eaven

4. EGO

Easing

G-d

Out

**Prayer; Hashem**

1. The purpose of prayer is not to get us out of trouble. The purpose of trouble is to get us into prayer.

-Rav Yitzchok Hutner Zatzal

**2. Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray.**

**3. Prayer: the world's greatest wireless connection**.

4. If truth is stranger than fiction ... it's because it has a better and more creative Author. - Rabbi Forsythe

5. Where is Hashem to be found? In the place where He is given entry.

- Rav Menachem Mendel of Kotzk

**6. When you take G-O-D out of GOOD, you are left with O.**

7. **The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is to celebrate.**

8. What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls the butterfly.

9. Your talent is Hashem's gift to you.

What you do with it is your gift back to Hashem.

10. **When people say "it's a small world", they really mean it's a big world; it's just run very well**.

**Character Development**

## 1. Sometimes, the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life.

## **3. Don't go through life, grow through life.**

## 4. The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they make the best of everything!

## 5. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

6. The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

**7. The best things in life are not things!**

8. Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

**9. Many problems in life are because of two reasons:**

**We act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.**

**10. Have the courage today to do what you should have done yesterday.**

11. In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test.

In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.

**12. To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.**

**13. The wisest person in the room is the one who realizes they are not the wisest person in the room**.

**14. A wise man, even when he holds his tongue, says more than a fool when he speaks.**

**15. The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get from it, rather what they become from it.**

16. The hardest thing in the world is to change yourself. The easiest, is to fool yourself.

17. If you stretch the truth, it will most likely snap back at you.

18. It's always the right time to do the right thing.

19. Self-refinement is not a lazy man's sport.

-Miriam Adahan

20. Don't be afraid of discovering that the 'real you' may be different than the 'current you.'

- Rabbi Noah Weinberg, Zatzal

**21.** Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

22. Change is inevitable. Change for the better is a full time job.

23. Healing doesn't mean the damage never existed; it means the damage no longer controls your life.

24. It is not our abilities that show who we truly are, but our choices.

**25. Problems are not stop signs, they're guidelines.**

**26. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.**

27. It's better to waste a minute in your life than to waste your life in a minute.

28. Hold your tongue as you would hold your money!

29. Living in favorable and not so favorable situations is called "part of life".

Smiling in all those situations is called "art of life."

30. There is nothing more whole than a broken heart.

- The Kotzker Rebbe Zatzal

31. Second chances don't necessarily make things right. They are often given to show that we can be better even after we fall.

**32. It's your attitude, not your aptitude that determines your altitude.**

**33. Your smile is a signature of Hashem on your face. Do not allow it to be washed away by empty tears or erased by anger.**

34. For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness.

35. Be yourself...... Everyone else is already taken.

36. Seek to be whole, not to be perfect.

37. COURAGE is what it takes to stand up and talk.

COURAGE is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

38 The price of greatness is responsibility.

**Giving and Interpersonal Relationships**

1. It's nice to be important. It's more important to be nice.

2. We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.

**3. If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain**.  
**If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees.**  
**If you want 100 years of prosperity, grow people**.

**4. Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter.**

5. If you have no charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

6. A flower doesn't think about competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.

**7. If you meet someone who doesn't have a smile, give them one of yours!**

8. Seven days without a smile makes you 'week' (weak)!

**9. There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.**

10. It's easy to catch a person when he's doing something wrong. But the secret of good *chinuch* is to catch him when he's doing something right.

- Rav Noach Orlowek

11. Don't listen with the intent to reply; listen with the intent to understand.

12. Even the smallest compliment has the potential to save someone's life.

13. It takes a good deal of character to judge a person by his future rather than by his past.

14. When you get down to the heart of the matter, the heart is what matters.

**15. People don't care what you know, unless they know that you care.**

**Friendship**

**1. Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.**

2. When you rise in life, your friends know who you are.

When you fall down, you know who your friends are.