

# Improving Students' Grades

Grades low, too many F's?

*Have a positive attitude – build success on success.  
Treat students the same way you want your own children treated.*

## TRY THESE STRATEGIES:

- State the day's objective, teach it, and then tell them what you taught them and what they should have learned when you close the lesson – closure.
- Develop concepts. Teach to the big ideas.
- Link concepts to previously learned material and and/or real-world experiences.
- Use, simple, straightforward examples that clarify what is being taught.
- Use numbers in examples that allow students to focus on the concept and don't bog students down in arithmetic.
- Incorporate guided practice to monitor student learning before assigning homework.
- Use practice tests to prepare students for unit tests. In first yea algebra, use multiple test versions.
- Tell students how you personally remembered (learned) important information.
- Use choral recitation to imbed information in short-term memory.
- Require students to take notes and keep notebooks.
- Use the second review period to reinforce long-term knowledge and address student deficiencies.