Quick start guide to teaching a class session

Interact
Two-way conversation is key to building community and creating student understanding. Ask questions & ask for clarification about student answers. At the end of class, did you interact with most students i/n the room? Reach everyone every couple of class sessions.

Know the learning goal
What do you want students to learn* (know, do, think about) and how will you know that they have learned? What evidence will you have? Tell students this very clear goal for learning. And know what knowledge they are already building on. Don’t assume!

Get students involved
Even 6 minutes of interactivity increases learning! With lecture, make it interactive. Add an activity so that you can observe students working and help them solve problems. Ask open-ended questions.

Be Present in Class
Acknowledge all students (respectfully), including hellos, smiles, & eye contact. Do this before class starts and welcome questions as class ends. Remember that being physically close helps students stay focused. Walk around!

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