

## 2010 Illinois State Teacher of the Year—Kevin Rutter

1. Be prepared to be challenged
2. Persevere
  - a. Finding a job may take time
  - b. Don't do it by yourself—Find a like-minded teacher to be your mentor
3. Tap into the excitement of technology
4. Make what we're teaching relevant
5. ABC's-Always **Be Selling**-- Be a salesman for our content area.
6. Keep it simple
  - a. Try not to accomplish everything at once
  - b. Make complex idea easy to group
7. "Three Pancake Rule"
  - a. The first two pancakes you make aren't always perfect
  - b. Don't be too hard on yourself-it is ok to screw up
  - c. Keep forging on until you get it right
8. Make a difference
  - a. Youtube video by Taylor Mali  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RxsOVK4syxU&feature=related>