



PROVERBS OF THE PROFESSIONS: For Teachers

I collect “Proverbs of the Professions” and these insights from teachers are terrific:

Whoever is doing the talking is doing the learning.

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To teach is to learn twice.

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Connect before I correct.

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The children who are hardest to love need it the most.

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To be effective, you must be objective.

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I hear, I forget; I see, I remember; I do, I understand.

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Your students don't care what you know until they know that you care.

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When you take a child by the hand, you take a parent by the heart.

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Don't yuck someone else's yum.

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Apples and trees. (When teachers meet students' parents.)

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Attention-seeking behavior is connection-seeking behavior.

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Children save their drama for their Mama.

If you don't have a plan, the students will. I can't care about a student's grade more than he or she does.

What doesn't challenge you doesn't change you.

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A teacher tells a student where to look but not what to see.

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Trust is the most wonderful thing to have and the most terrible thing to lose.

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Any teacher who can be replaced by a computer should be.

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You can't say you can't play.

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If your bum isn't in the seat, then it's not your seat. (When a child complains, “He's in my seat.”)

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They may forget what you teach them, but they'll never forget how you treat them.

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Kids are who you tell them they are. (If you tell them they're kind, they'll be kind.)

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Kids who need the most love will ask for it in the most unlovable ways.

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Expect and inspect.

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Do it nice or do it twice.

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Asked and answered. (For nagging or repeat questions.)