

# 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.*

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*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.)*