



True Stories from KATY TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

Clothing Confusion

"One Friday, I wore a new pair of jeans to school. There was nothing special about the jeans, but a bunch of the kids in class were talking about them. A girl spoke up and said, 'You guys should see Mr. F. without his clothes on. He looks way different!' She was talking about when I opted to wear my casual clothes instead of my professional clothes. But being teenagers, her classmates never let her forget the slip. I don't know who's been made more uncomfortable with the situation, me or her." - A.F.

Knocked Down

"In my drama class years ago, my students worked in groups to create their own skits that demonstrated their knowledge of the concept I had just taught. While I walked around the classroom simultaneously working with each group and passing out graded papers, one of the students pulled out an imaginary light saber as hard as he could, and his fist connected directly with my jaw. I was hit so hard I spun around to the ground. Thankfully, I wasn't really hurt, so I stood up and laughed. By the time I got to the faculty room for lunch, it had spread around the entire school!" - B.F.

Disciplinary Humor

"My 'favorite' disciplinary note I sent home was when I made a kindergarten student write, 'I will not show my privates; 10 times after an infraction on the playground.'" - J.A.

Pulling Pranks

"For days I worked covertly with the front office secretaries to build a complex system of informants and operatives to help me pull off one of the greatest pranks in the history of my campus. The plot resulted in an assistant principal's desk and every single

one of his belongings being individually wrapped in plastic wrap, piled on his desk, and completely wrapped again. All of this was accomplished in the time it took him to walk to, and return from, the cafeteria." - A.F.

Teacherly Advice

"I always tell young married teachers to have their own children quickly because if they wait too long, all of the good names can get ruined by students who misbehave." - A.P.

Extra Credit

"Sometimes I'm tempted to include trick questions for extra credit on my tests, just to see what kinds of creative answers my students will come up with." - L.K.

Sharing Verbs

"After a great movement activity about verbs in my kindergarten class, we were sharing other words that were verbs. All was going well until a girl raised her hand and yelled, 'Fart!' I replied, 'Yes E. that is a verb, one we try not to do in the classroom!' It didn't help that 12 visiting administrators and teachers were there to observe!" - M.K.

Secret Love

"I secretly love it when my students call me mom or grandma." - J.C.

Biology Lesson

"When I found out that I was pregnant with my twins, a boy and a girl, I shared the genders with my biology students. One then asked me if they were identical. I made time for a genetics lesson that day." - K.M.

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