



# True Stories from .....KATY..... TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

## Good Intentions

"I work in a private school that is associated with a local church. I have the pastor's son in my classroom and he can be quite a character. I'm currently expecting and his father let me know that he had said the following prayer for my baby, 'God, please help Mrs. S's baby not to be ugly. There are already too many ugly people in this world! I think he meant in attitude, but I had trouble controlling my laughter.'" - K.S.

## Tricky Seating

"For a while I taught a class at the alternative center that included students who had been taken out of the classroom for disciplinary issues or had even had run-ins with law enforcement. I wondered if I was in slightly over my head when I had to plan my seating chart around one particular student because he had to sit next to an electrical outlet - on account of the fact that his ankle monitor had to be plugged in." - K.Y.

## Class Assignment

"My students were given an assignment to write sentences using their spelling words. When one little girl turned hers in, I couldn't help but laugh. It said, 'Ms. H. is deciding to have a man or not.' I wrote, 'Girl bye!' beside it and checked it off. What else can you do?" - B.H.

## Observant Student

"One afternoon things were a little crazy in the classroom. Some of the kids weren't listening, a couple of them were in a bit of a quarrel, they asked the same thing several times, and I was just trying to write the lesson on the board. One little girl in my front row looked at me, tilted her head, and asked, 'Mrs. B., do you want to scream?' In that moment, I certainly did." - C.B.

## Wrong Answer

"I was really excited about a math assignment that I just knew my students were going to do well on. When I went to check the first paper, it was so incredibly wrong that I audibly gasped. When I realized what I had done, I played it off saying, 'Oh no, you surprised me, that's not right!' Then I had to go around and do that same thing to every paper that had the wrong answer. Oops!" - B.C.

## Always a Teacher

"I find it hard to turn my 'teacher' off. For instance we were at Pappasito's ordering fajitas when our high school-age server brought out our order and I asked him, 'Is that butter?' He replied, 'Oh no, that's mantequilla.' A little piece of my Spanish teacher heart died while I explained to him that it was indeed butter." - P.S.

## Acting Out

"My team and I do fantastic impressions of our students after the school day ends complete with voices, mannerisms, and reenacting scenes from class that day." - C.D.

## Dancing Broomstick

"One of my students spilled something all over the floor, so I made him go get the broom to clean it up. The broom broke when he picked it up, so he decided to come out of the closet dancing like Fred Astaire with the broomstick. I had to leave the room so I could laugh, and then come back to get mad at him for not following directions." - R.W.

## What's Your Name

"I mispronounce at least 10 names on the first day of school every year." - T.W.

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