



# True Stories from KATY TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

## Testing Trick

"When I am giving a test, I don't rearrange any of the questions, and I print the same test on three different colors of paper. I make a big deal out of telling them that they must label their scantron with what color their version of the test is so I make sure to grade it correctly. Works every time." - K.L.

## Haircut Mishap

"A female student came into my classroom asking my opinion of her new haircut. Without hesitation, I said, 'Looks good!' like I always do when asked that question, so no one gets their feelings hurt. Immediately after my response, her friend interjects with, 'Doesn't she look like Lord Farquaad from *Shrek*?' She really did and I lost it, crying and laughing, for about five to 10 straight minutes. She was a good sport about it though, and even dressed up as Lord Farquaad at school for Halloween." - J.D.

## Teacher-Student Bonding

"When I was pregnant with my second child, I had terrible morning sickness. That school year, I also had a student who wore a hearing aid device. Each day I would place a microphone around my neck so that he could hear me when I was at the front of the room. One day, I felt very sick in the middle of class and had to run out. After I finally walked back in from the bathroom, I realized that the student had his earpiece in the whole time and that the microphone was still around my neck. He heard me throwing up the entire time. I was humiliated, but he was very sweet about it. Needless to say, he and I bonded that year." - T.S.

## Sticky Noted

"I have this thing for sticky notes and on my 40th birthday my students snuck into my room and covered the walls and my desk with sticky notes. They used different colors to have the ones in between say 'Happy 40th Birthday.'" - S.C.

## Guessing Game

"I love it when my sweet high school kids go to turn in a project and ask, 'Do I need to put my name on this?' I smile and say, 'No, you don't have to...I love to guess.'" - C.S.

## Sports Fan

"In 2010 when the Chilean mine collapsed, the whole world watched for almost 70 days as rescuers tried to bring them back to the surface. Finally, on the day they were to be rescued, I mentioned to one of my students that they were finally going to be bringing the Chilean miners up. She looked at me very puzzled and said, 'Well, I don't really follow sports.'" - S.H.

## Not So Sure

"My first year of teaching was in elementary art. On my first day, first class, first five minutes, I had a student throw up, another student throw up because the first one did, and a third student laugh so hard (due to all the throwing up) that he wet himself. Let's just say I contemplated not coming back the next day." - E.B.

## Walk This Way

"This school year I had walked toward my desk to hand a student a paper and instead of turning completely around to walk back, I decided to just walk backward and remained talking to them. I tripped on the garbage can, tried to grab my desk, my hand slipped on the papers on my desk, and I continued to fall back behind my desk nearly hitting my head on the filing cabinet." - Z.H.

## Vocabulary

"In English, the students make flashcards to help study vocabulary words. To further help them retain the definition, we try to draw pictures to help with the recall. One of my students drew a picture of a bee on the back of 'parsimonious.' I asked him, 'Why a bee?' He said, 'It means sting-y, right?' Close." - M.A.

Do you have an embarrassing or funny teacher story to share?

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