



True Stories fromKATY..... TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

Spilling the Beans

"Kids tell teachers everything. I have heard stories about when daddy had to sleep on the couch or when mommy was not happy and was drinking lots of wine. I have even heard about when daddy got into the shower with mommy! But, one of the best came from mom's to-do list that she mistakenly placed in her child's take-home folder. Items on her checklist were buy sandwich stuff, buy beer, and shave legs." - T.W.

Acronym Antics

"My first year teaching writing, we were brainstorming for a personal narrative. We had the kids fill out an ABC chart about themselves including their favorite things, sports, foods, etc. One of my sweetest little boys wrote, 'V is for 'vasectomy' I think this word is fun to say.'" - M.M.

Holding Hands

"The first year I taught, my kids were having some difficulty turning in their assignments on time. During a 'come to Jesus' pep talk, I was trying to make a point that not turning in assignments wasn't responsible eighth-grade behavior. I said that their parents and I would have to pull them out of lunch, hold their hand, and walk them to the conference room and that would probably be a little embarrassing. One of my best students, who had never had a late assignment in his life, politely raises his hand and says, 'You mean to tell me, that if I stop turning in my work on time, I'll get to hold your hand?' Clearly my example didn't have the impact I had planned, and I couldn't help but hide my surprise and laughter at his statement." - M.M.

Best Math Teacher

"It had been a stressful day, I woke up late, was out of coffee, grades were due, and I had an observation on the horizon. Needless to say, I was a little on edge. I assigned group projects

and was monitoring when I noticed one group in particular being unruly. As I stormed my way over to table two, I realized what all of the commotion was about. The group had not only finished the assignment, but had gotten all of the answers correct, and on the back of their paper, they were dividing up and decorating a note for me that read, 'We love you! Best math teacher ever!'" - R.P.

Misinterpretation

"I was addressing the class about adding more details to their writing. I passed their papers back and explained that if they go back and add in details, their score would go up. At the end of the class period everyone had turned their paper back in, except for one student. When I called him up to my desk, he showed me his paper. He had drawn lots of lowercase 'd' letters and added an extra-long tail to each. Then, he looked up at me innocently and asked, 'Is this what you meant?'" - L.H.

Deadly Math

"One day I was sitting with a student who was dramatically sighing, moaning and groaning, and hanging off of his chair. So, I said, 'Hey, math never killed anyone.' He sat up in his chair and said, 'Well, not yet!' I laughed and still do when I think of it." - V.S.

Bear Tactics

"I was teaching in Anchorage, Alaska and was going to take a group of kindergarten students on a field trip through a nearby trail system. Before we went outside we were reviewing moose and bear safety. I asked the children, 'What should you do if you see a bear?' One little boy replied, 'Always make sure you are traveling with someone slower than you are so you can outrun them!'" - G.A.

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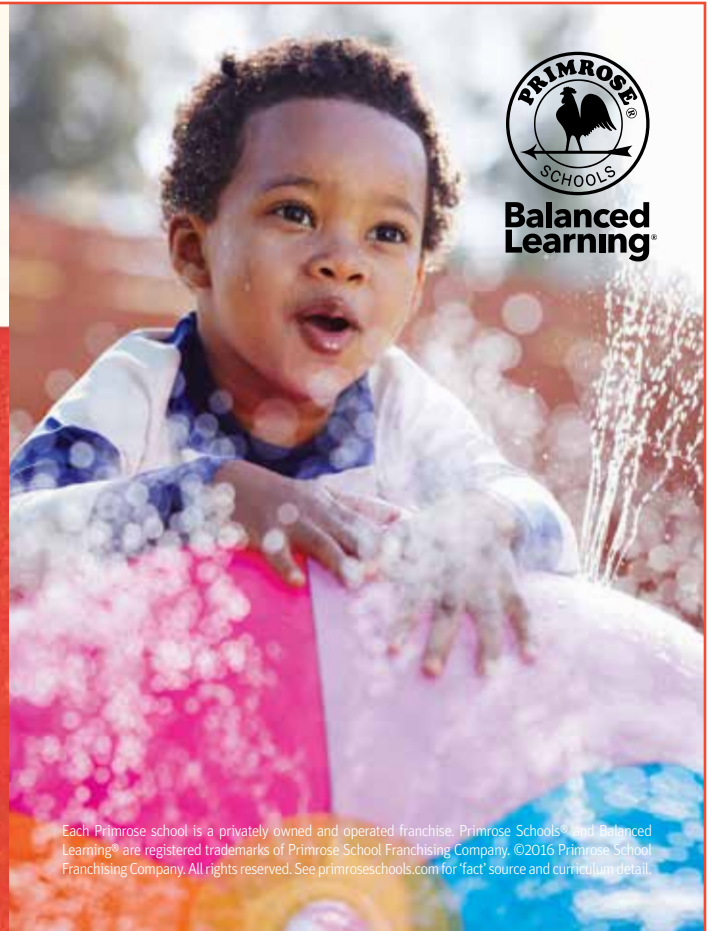
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