



True Stories fromKATY..... TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

Sticky Situation

"The first year Alexander Elementary was built, we had quite a few field mice that took up residence in the building. Sticky mouse traps were placed in several 'out of the way' spots throughout the building. One curious fellow checked to see how sticky the trap was by stepping on it. He discovered the traps were very sticky. We couldn't remove his shoe from the trap. He clomped his way home from school wearing a shoe on one foot and a shoe stuck to a mouse trap, on the other." - C.B.

Childbearing Hips

"One time, while I was teaching in front of a group of middle schoolers, I saw that one girl was focusing on me, squinting her eyes, and holding up her hands as if she was measuring me. I stopped and looked at her, and she said, 'You have excellent childbearing hips.'" - A.T.

My Bologna

"I always refer to the things that belong to the students as their 'belongings' (ex. lunchbox, backpack, etc.). Nearly every day I remind the kindergarten students to get their belongings before they line up to go home. One day a boy spent the last few minutes of class in the nurse's office. When he got back to the classroom, the rest of the students were lined up at the door and ready for dismissal. Not wanting to get left behind, the little boy hollered out, "Wait for me! Wait for me! I need to get my bolognas.'" - G.B.

Teachers Only

"When I was first hired, I was around 21 years old. I went to the cafeteria during my first week of school to order the 'teacher special' and was told that I couldn't order that. I thought the cafeteria lady was joking...she wasn't. I ended up getting the standard cafeteria menu item. The next day I went back to the cafeteria and my co-worker ordered the 'teacher special,' and I did as well. The cafeteria lady handed my co-worker her meal

and told me I couldn't order that, so I asked why. She said it was only for teachers. At that point, I decided to grow a beard." - J.G.

Creative Writing

"In my ESL class, I told the students to write sentences about their family and provided a word bank to choose from. One student wrote, 'I look like my sister 's shoes,' and 'I grew up in a zoo.' He cracks me up." - K.T.

That's Mine

"One of my boys came running into the classroom first thing in the morning, obviously very distraught. He took me into the hallway, pointed to the hook under his nametag, and shouted, 'Look! Somebody put their coat on my hooker!'" - R.F.

The S Word

"One of my kindergarten students came up and said, very seriously, 'She said the S word.' I became very nervous until she added, 'She said shut up.' I breathed a sigh of relief and then told the little girl not to say that." - M.K.

Under Suspicion

"I was teaching about WWII and the struggle of Great Britain vs. Germany. After I played a clip of Winston Churchill's 'Never Surrender' speech, I had a student insist, 'That's not a real British accent.'" - J.M.

Sweet Smell


"One time a student looked me square in the face and said, 'You smell like cupcakes!'" - C.W.

Backward Compliment

"A boy once told me, 'You know, if you were a normal person and not a teacher, you actually wouldn't look so bad!' As if that was the best compliment he could think of." - A.T.

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