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# Teachers Touch the Future...



Dear Teachers,

What you do, is at the heart of learning. You are role models and mentors for young learners. Good teaching requires loads of hard work and ample quantity of passion.

We, at Macmillan Education, salute you for moulding tender minds and inspiring children to achieve their goals. This book is an ode to the challenging role that you play in transforming society.

-Macmillan Education

*“The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves.*

*When we think we know we cease to learn.”*



*-Sarvepalli Radhakrishna*



“Teachers, I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth.”

-Helen Caldicott

“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.”

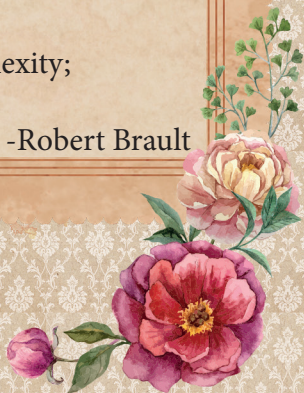
-Carl Jung

“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.”

-Bill Gates

“The average teacher explains complexity; the gifted teacher reveals simplicity.”

-Robert Brault





"I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well."

-Alexander the Great

"A teacher's job is to take a bunch of live wires and see that they are well-grounded."

-D. Martin

"Children want the same things we want.  
To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and  
delighted."

-Dr. Seuss

"Children today are tyrants. They contradict their  
parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their  
teachers."

-Socrates 420 BC

"The best teacher of children, in brief, is one who is  
essentially childlike."

-H. L. Mencken





“Good teachers are the ones who can challenge young minds without losing their own.”

-Anonymous

“If Plan A didn’t work, don’t worry, the alphabet has 25 more letters.”

-Heidi McDonald

“To survive as a teacher you need 3 bones: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funnybone.”

-Anonymous

“The work can wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won’t wait while you do the work.”

-Patricia Clafford

“The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence.”

- Amos Bronson Alcott





“Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

-Albert Einstein

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

-Yeats

“The eagle never lost so much time as when he submitted to learn from the crow.”

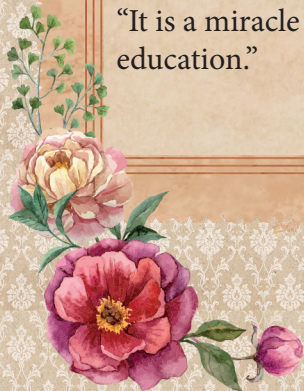
-William Blake

“The Schools ain’t what they used to be and never was.”

-Will Rogers

“It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.”

-Albert Einstein





“A teacher has to be a prophet who can look into the future and see the world of tomorrow into which the children of today must fit.”

-Anonymous

“Teachers are expected to reach unattainable goals with inadequate tools. The miracle is that at times they accomplish this impossible task.”

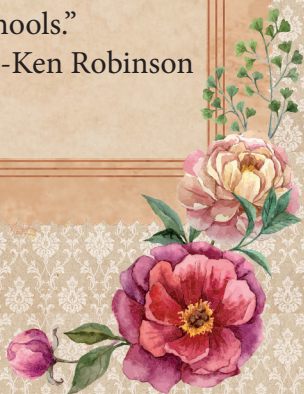
-Haim G. Ginott

“Teachers are unique problem solvers by character, temperament, and resilience. Teachers cannot be manufactured.”

-Robert John Meehan

“There is no system in the world or any school in the country that is better than its teachers. Teachers are the lifeblood of the success of schools.”

-Ken Robinson





“The test of a good teacher is not how many questions he can ask his pupils that they will answer readily, but how many questions he inspires them to ask him which he finds it hard to answer.”

-Alice Wellington Rollins

“The true aim of everyone who aspires to be a teacher should be, not to impart his own opinions, but to kindle minds.”

-F. W. Robertson


“The wise teacher knows that 55 minutes of work plus 5 minutes laughter are worth twice as much as 60 minutes of unvaried work.”

-Gilbert Highet

“Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenge.”

-Joyce A Myers





“They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Carl W. Buechner

“Those who can, teach. Those who can’t, do something far less important.”

-Shirley Frye

“The greatest sign of a success for a teacher is to be able to say: The children are now working as if I did not exist.”


- Maria Montessori

“The mediocre teacher tells.  
The good teacher explains.  
The Superior teacher demonstrates.  
The great teacher inspires.”

-William Arthur Ward

“It takes a Big Heart to help shape little minds.”

-Anonymous





“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

-Henry Brook Adams

“A hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in the bank...  
But the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child.”

-Forest Witcraft

“A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of Curiosity, Knowledge and Wisdom in the pupils.”

-Ever Garrison

“I’m changing the world one day at a time. I Teach”

-Anonymous





“Teachers have a Positive Attitude.”

-Heidi McDonald

“I touch the Future. I teach.”

-Christa McAuliffe

“If a Doctor, Lawyer, or Dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn’t and want to be there and were causing trouble and the Doctor, Lawyer, or Dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher’s job.”

-Donald D. Quinn





"I'm a teacher. A teacher is someone who leads.  
There is no magic here. I do not walk on water. I do  
not part the sea. I just love children."

-Marva Collins

"Students don't care how much you know until  
they know how much you care."

-Anonymous

"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the  
imagination, and instill a love of learning."

-Brad Henry

"Today is your day, your mountain is waiting. So  
get on your way."

-Dr. Seuss





“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

-Alexander Graham Bell

“Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds.”

-Anonymous

“Once you get people laughing, they’re listening.”

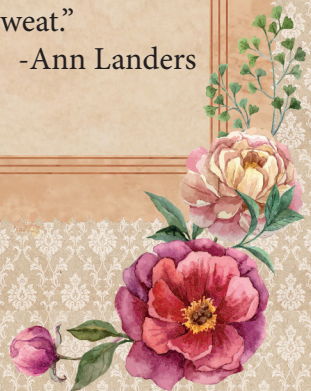
-Herbert Gardner

“A smile is the prettiest thing you’ll ever wear.”

-Anonymous

“Nobody ever drowned in his own sweat.”

-Ann Landers





“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter, and those who matter don’t mind.”

-Dr. Seuss

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing.  
Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it.”

-Lou Holtz

“A great attitude becomes a great day, which becomes a great month, which becomes a great year, which becomes a great life.”

-Mandy Hale

“If you try to do your best there is no failure.”

-Mike Farrell





“All our dreams can come true -if we have the courage to pursue them.”

-Walt Disney

“All things are difficult before they are easy.”

-Thomas Fuller

“Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.”

-William Faulkner

“Always remember: You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

-A.A. Milne Christopher Robin to Pooh





"In a completely rational society, the best of us would aspire to be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less."

-Lee Iacocca

"A man is but the product of his thought.  
What he thinks he becomes."

-Mahatma Gandhi

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

-Albert Einstein

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best."

-Duke Ellington

"A ship in harbour is safe -but that is not what ships are built for."

-John A. Shedd





“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”

-Albert Einstein

“It is, in fact, nothing short of a miracle that the modern methods of instruction have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry; for this delicate little plant, aside from stimulation, stands mainly in need of freedom; without this it goes to wrack and ruin without fail. It is a very grave mistake to think that the enjoyment of seeing and searching can be promoted by means of coercion and a sense of duty.”

-Albert Einstein

“It’s not that I’m so smart, it’s just that I stay with problems longer.”

-Albert Einstein





“Courage is very important. Like a muscle, it is strengthened by use.”

-Ruth Gordon

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.”

-Confucius

“Don’t let your fear of what could happen make nothing happen.”

-Doe Zantamata


“Don’t tell me the sky’s the limit when there are footprints on the moon.”

-Paul Brandt

“Do you want to play it safe and be good or do you want to take a chance and be great?”

-Jimmy Johnson





“Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them.”

-Josie Bisset

“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”

-Benjamin Franklin

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

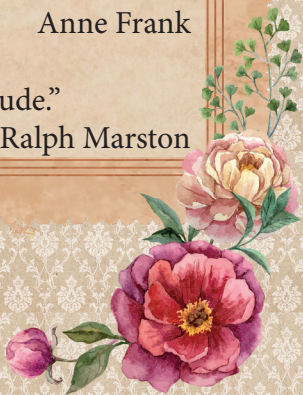
-Harriet Tubman

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!”

Anne Frank

“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.”

-Ralph Marston





“Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty.”

-Albert Einstein

“The important thing is not to stop questioning.”

-Albert Einstein

“The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.”

-Albert Einstein

“Play is the highest form of research.”

-Albert Einstein

“Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.”

-Albert Schweitzer

“The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.”

-Alexandra K.Trenfor





“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

“I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying.”

-Michael Jordan

“I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

-Jimmy Dean

“If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember: You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

-A. A. Milne Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh





“Don’t be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves.”

-Dale Carnegie

“If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves.”

-Thomas Edison

“If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you can dream it, you can become it.”

-William Ward

“If you want the best the world has to offer, offer the world your best.”

-Neale Donald Walsch





"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

-Thomas A. Edison

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

-Albert Einstein

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you will land among the stars."

-Les Brown

"I've heard tell that what you imagine sometimes comes true."

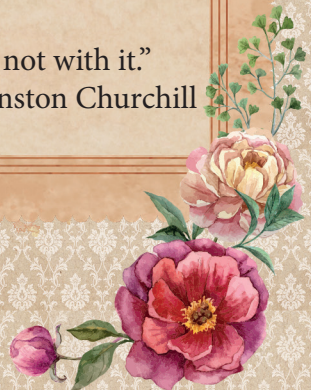
- Roald Dahl Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

"Little by little one walks far."

-Peruvian Proverb

"Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it."

-Winston Churchill





“The best angle from which to approach any problem is the try-angle.”

-Anonymous

“There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.”

-Anonymous

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.”

-Mark Twain

“The shell must break before the bird can fly.”

-Alfred Tennyson

“They are able because they think they are able.”

-Virgil





“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.”

-Walt Disney

“To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.”

-William Shakespeare

“Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.”

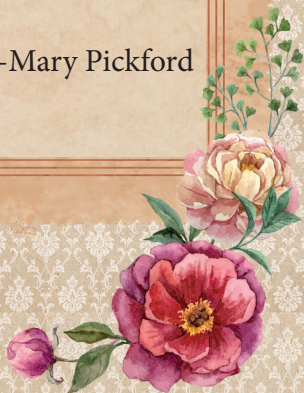
-Dr. Seuss

“We aim above the mark to hit the mark.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call failure is not the falling down, but the staying down.”

-Mary Pickford





“Human beings are curious by nature.”

-Aristotle

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

-Abigail Adams

“Upon the subject of education... I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“You cannot build character and courage by taking away man’s initiative and independence.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

-Albert Einstein





“The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence.”

-Amos Bronson Alcott

“The freedom to make mistakes provides the best environment for creativity. Education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”

-Anatole Franc

“Nine tenths of education is encouragement.”

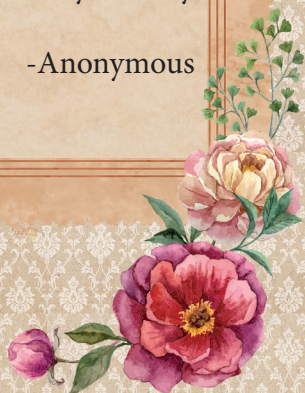
-Anatole France

“I've learned...that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.”

-Andy Rooney

“Learning is not a spectator sport.”

-Anonymous





"I am beginning to suspect all elaborate and special systems of education. They seem to me to be built upon the supposition that every child is a kind of idiot who must be taught to think."

-Anne Sullivan

"Schooling confuses teaching with learning, grade advancement with education, a diploma with competence, and fluency with the ability to say something new."

-Wendy Priesnitz

"Common sense is in spite of, not as the result of education."

- Victor Hugo

"The uncreative mind can spot wrong answers, but it takes a very creative mind to spot wrong questions."

-Anthony Jay





“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.”

-Antoine de St. Exupery

“All men by nature desire to know.”

-Aristotle

“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.”

-Aristotle

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

-Aristotle





“I suppose it is because nearly all children go to school nowadays, and have things arranged for them, that they seem so forlornly unable to produce their own ideas.”

-Agatha Christie

“It is as impossible to withhold education from the receptive mind as it is impossible to force it upon the unreasoning.”

-Agnes Repplier

“Curiosity is a delicate little plant that, aside from stimulation, stands mainly in need of freedom.”

-Albert Einstein

“A teacher’s purpose is not to create students in his own image, but to develop students who can create their own image.”

-Anonymous





“Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality.”

-Beatrix Potter

“Every person of learning is finally his own teacher.”

-Thomas Paine

“The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.”

-Benjamin Disraeli

“Games lubricate the body and the mind.”

-Benjamin Franklin





“The biggest atrocity of all is to indoctrinate our children into a system that does not value their creative expression, nor encourage their unique abilities.”

-Benjamin Greene

“Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.”

-Trevelyan

“Intelligence is not to make no mistakes, but quickly to see how to make them good.”

-Bertolt Brecht

“I don’t know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.”

-Bill Cosby





*This book of quotations is our way of conveying gratitude to all teachers for their dedication, hard work and patience. It has selected quotes by famous authors, celebrities and newsmakers which can be used at assembly and for other purposes at school.*

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