

Welcome to the
Teaching Profession!

What is a teacher?

- Do this for the fun of it...
- Google "What is a teacher?" or "Definition of teacher."

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- One who teaches.
duh.com

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- A person whose occupation is teaching.
wordnet.princeton.edu/perl/webwn

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- means a properly certified, licensed person who is assigned to instruction.
www.doe.state.in.us/asap/definitions.html

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- A teacher is designated to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the instructional process in the school and holds a license appropriate to the area of assignment.
www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/SManual/definitions.htm

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- One whose personal life is like unto the Master in loving compassion and full humility of soul, with nothing of "I" or "me" left; one whose continual ascension releases more and greater Power and Light for students to ascend upon. miriams-well.org/Glossary/

What is a teacher?

- Teacher- In education, teachers are those who teach students or pupils, often a course of study or a practical skill, including learning and thinking skills. There are many different ways to teach and help students learn. This is often referred to as the teacher's pedagogy. When deciding what teaching method to use, a teacher will need to consider students' background knowledge, environment, and their learning goals. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Teacher

What is a teacher?

A teacher is someone who sees each child as a unique person and encourages individual talents and strengths.

What is a teacher?

A teacher looks beyond
each child's face
and sees inside their souls.

What is a teacher?

A teacher is someone
with a special touch
and a ready smile,
who takes the time to listen
to both sides
and always tries to be fair.

What is a teacher?

A teacher has a caring heart
that respects and understands.

A teacher is someone
who can look past disruption
and rebellion,
and recognize hurt and pain.

What is a teacher?

A teacher teaches the entire
child,
and helps to build confidence
and raise self-esteem.

What is a teacher?

A teacher makes a difference
in each child's life,
and affects each family
and the future of us all.

by Barbara Cage

What is a teacher?

To a mind of flint, the teacher
must be iron, and strike sparks.
To the empty pitcher, the
teacher becomes a well. To the
fallow mind, a planter of seeds.
To the cluttered mind, a
gardener to weed, shape, and
clear a space for growing.

What is a teacher?

To the lens, the teacher is light,
and to the mind of light, a lens.

What is a teacher?

To the sleeper, the teacher is the
wake-up call of birds at sunrise.
To clay, the teacher is potter,
sculptor, and trainer in self-
shaping. To the wanderer, the
teacher is a knowing guide. To
the developed mind, the teacher
is colleague, listener, friend.

What is a teacher?

To all, the teacher is a mirror that
shows not only the self but the path
and its choices, the task and its
demands--the difficulties, the joys.
To all and from all, the teacher is a
learner, a person--and a prism
through which the ordinary
continuously reveals itself to be
miraculous.

By Gerald Grow

My Best Teachers

- Mrs. Wilson, 4th Grade, Northline Elementary, Houston, TX, 1964
- Henry North and Sam Sarao, Sam Houston High School, Houston, Texas, 1973
- Bruce Coggin, University of Texas at Austin, 1975

My Worst Teacher

- Coach R
- Name withheld out of respect...
- (For the profession, not the person!)
- Who was yours?
- Why?
- What do the worst teachers have in common?

21st Century Teacher

- Teaches essential skills behaviors, and academic content for the 21st century
- Expects ALL students to learn
- Has positive expectations
- Actively engages students
- Respects the students
- Honors student learning

21st Century Teacher

- Empowers students
- Makes learning fun
- LOVES the students
- Is an advocate for the students
- Reflects on own performance
- It's not a job; it's a lifestyle!

Teaching Realities

- Low pay, hard work, long hours
- You can't turn teaching off
- Challenging students
- Challenging parents
- Limited resources

Teaching Rewards

- Working with kids!
- Challenging kids
- Challenging parents
- Knowing you have made a difference immediately
- Finding out you made a difference much later

Teaching Rewards

- The Best One of ALL...
- Going to work each day knowing that you are doing something truly important with your life!

The Key to Success

- BELIEVE IN YOUR KIDS!
- BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!!!
- Little by little, step by step...
