



True Stories from KATY TEACHERS

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Teachers share a few funny anecdotes from the classroom

Animal Trap

"One day my student asked me what a female pig was called, and I told him it was a sow. Then he asked, 'What's a female dog called?' It felt like a trap, so I changed the subject." - C.E.

The Best Gift Ever

"Handmade cards are sweet and all, but the best teacher gift I ever received from a parent was a Spec's gift card. Now that I can use." - J.H.

Relationship Advice

"During a heart-to-heart with my seventh graders, I revealed that I was currently single. Taking this to mean I was lonely, one of my students piped up with some sage advice, 'You need to go on all of your social media and post photos of yourself that say #lonelyandlooking.'" - D.R.

Tinkle Time

"I spend most of my days with a room full of 5-year-old children that refer to using the restroom as 'tinkle time.' I cannot be blamed if, when out with my girlfriends during happy hour, I accidentally excuse myself for 'tinkle time' instead of the restroom." - A.N.

Defying Gravity

"During a lesson about gravity and the solar system, I asked my students to think of one place we could go where our weight would immediately change. One kid responded, 'The gym! Well, that's where my uncle goes because he's fat.'" - R.P.

Candy-Coated Bribery

"I once had a student come to school totally unprepared for a test, and he told me he fully expected to fail. When I got to his form in the stack, I found a candy bar taped to the scantron with a note that said, 'I'm sure I got most of these wrong, but here's a dark chocolate Kit Kat to make up for at least one or two of them,' signed with a winking face. I had to give him credit for trying." - S.K.

Hug It Out

"I teach third grade and have this one little girl who loves to give me a hard time. One day I had to discipline her, and when she passed up her daily worksheet there was a note on the bottom that read, 'I don't like my teacher anymore.' I wasn't hurt, but I gave her a huge, obnoxious hug and told her that I loved her anyway." - L.D.

Sweet Graffiti

"After class let out one day, I was walking through the room checking for trash when I noticed that one of my students had drawn on their desk in permanent marker. It read, 'I love you! You are the best teacher.' Even though it was against the rules, I found it so sweet that it was hard to be angry." - J.G.

Blame Beyoncé

"I was grading an English quiz one afternoon and began to notice that every single student in the classroom had misspelled the word 'sleigh' and written 'slay' instead. I blame Beyoncé." - M.M.

Chill Time

"I always make sure that my students are learning what they need to know, but to be honest, there are some days when we all just lay on the floor and draw pictures until lunch time. They love coming to class and it's a great way to create a special bond." - S.S.

Trying Something New

"A while back, I thought I'd shake things up and straighten my hair for work instead of styling it the way I usually do. One of my students approached me and asked, 'Ms. I, are you having a bad hair day?' I told her no, that I just wanted to try something different this morning. She paused, and said, 'Well, it looks better the other way.'" - B.I.

Getting Snappy

"I sometimes catch myself snapping my fingers at random children in public places the way I do with my second graders to get them to behave. At this point, it's an ingrained habit." - M.F.

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