

*“What I wanted was to create thoughtful citizens—people who believed they could live interesting lives and be productive and socially useful. So I tried to create a community of children and adults where the adults shared and respected the children’s lives.”*

**Deborah Meier**

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*“Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.”*

**Will Durant**

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*“Failure is instructive. The person who really thinks learns quite as much from his failures as from his successes.”*

**John Dewey**

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*“A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.”*

**Horace Mann**

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*“One of the most important things a teacher can do is to send the pupil home in the afternoon liking himself just a little better than when he came in the morning.”*

**Ernest Melby**

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*"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."*

**Dan Rather**

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*"My heart is singing for you this morning. A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil's mind, and behold, all things are changed."*

**Anne Sullivan**

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*"Teaching is a process of becoming that continues throughout life, never completely achieved, never completely denied. This is the challenge and the fun of being a teacher—there is no ultimate end to the process."*

**Frances Mayforth**

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*"As teachers we must believe in change, must know it is possible, or we wouldn't be teaching—because education is a constant process of change. Every single time you "teach" something to someone, it is ingested, something is done with it, and a new human being emerges."*

**Leo Buscaglia**

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

**Albert Einstein**

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*"You laugh, you cry, you work harder than you ever thought you could. Some days you try to change the world; others you are just trying to get through the day. Your heart is full and your mind is packed with memories. Just another day in the classroom."*

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*"I believe that the purpose of public school, whether it delivers or not, is to give quality education to all kids who come through the doors. I want to be part of that lofty mission... I may be naive, but I believe that what I do day in and day out does makes a difference."*

**Jennifer Welborn**

(from: "Teaching as Political Work: Learning from Courageous and Caring Teachers" x Nieto 2006).

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*"Billions of fires can be set by the light of a single candle, and its light is multiplied. A billion people can be enlightened through one teacher, and his teaching will increase."*

**George M. Lamsa**

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**-Ernest Melby**

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*"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."*

*"My mother said I must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy. That some people, unable to go to school, were more educated and more intelligent than college professors".*

**Maya Angelou**

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"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts."

Daalai Lama

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"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

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*"It is impossible to talk of respect for students, for the dignity that is in the process of coming to be, for the identities that are in the process of construction, without taking into consideration the conditions in which they are living and the importance of the knowledge derived from life experience, which they bring with them to school. I can in no way underestimate such knowledge. Or what is worse, ridicule it."*

Paolo Friere

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"I teach because I believe that young people have rights, including the right to their identities and their languages..."

Ambrizeth Lima

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