

Seven Things Effective Teachers Love About Teaching

1. Effective teachers **love that teaching is challenging**. Successful people, in any profession, welcome challenge. Because we want students to learn to accept life's challenges and tackle these challenges with courage and drive and determination, we, as teachers, have to show them how. Worthwhile accomplishments are never easy; that's what makes them worthwhile! Teaching is not easy. But there is no profession more worthwhile! Effective teachers live by this belief.
2. Effective teachers **love that students have a variety of needs**. They celebrate the uniqueness of each student, as opposed to trying to make them all the same. They use their artistry to find ways to accommodate the differences in students, knowing no two students learn exactly the same way. If all students were the same and learned the same, teaching would be a breeze. Almost anyone could do it. If all patients had the same illness and could be treated the same, almost anyone could be a doctor!
3. Effective teachers **love knowing how influential they are**. They want to make a difference in every student's life, not some or most. They realize they are shaping the future, and they are up to that challenge. They realize that they live in the hearts and minds of every student they have ever taught. Their influence lives on long after the students leave their classrooms. They take their power of influence very seriously.
4. Effective teachers **love involving parents and the community** in the education of students. This does not mean that they get every parent or every community member to become active participants in educating their students. It does mean, however, that they are continually making efforts to utilize parent and community support as part of their students' learning process. They realize that if they encourage the support of 100 parents and succeed in getting support from one, that's one more than they had before!
5. Effective teachers **love when the light bulb goes on in a child's mind**. They live for these moments—moments that can encompass the slightest or greatest of accomplishments. Any little amount of success is a big deal to an effective teacher!

6. Effective teachers **love the fact that they teach children**, because they truly love children. Less effective teachers sometimes act as though their students sort of stand in their way of being good teachers. It may seem like common sense, but in order to be a great teacher, you have to really love children!
7. Effective teachers **love that learning to teach is ongoing**. They love learning new and different ways to help students learn and grow. They don't balk at every new program, technique, or trend in education. They welcome change and are open to trying new things, always!