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Tips and Tricks for New Teachers

By Melissa Kelly

If You Make a Mistake

All teachers, even those who are truly effective, make mistakes. You will have times when your attitude is bad no matter what you do, or when you are inconsistent, unfair, or inflexible despite yourself. These can become learning opportunities if you handle them the right way. It is not wrong or a sign of weakness to admit that you made a mis-

take or to apologize to your students. Once the incident is over, move on with a renewed commitment to avoid that mistake again. Teachers who act as if an obvious mistake on their part was not wrong will lose their student's respect.

The best teachers are the best learners. Allow yourself the opportunity to learn as you teach. We learn from books, certainly, but our everyday lives in the classroom also

offer lessons on personal and professional growth. Mistakes allow us to grow. If we did everything right the first time, we would never have anything to learn. Mistakes are opportunities that can become our springboards to newer heights.

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What The Professor Didn't Tell You

By Valerie Fleming Bryant

A good school is a microcosm of life. Expectations set there prepare a child for reality, or foster the notion that life will adjust to the child's wishes. McDonald's will stop serving breakfast at 10:30AM,

regardless of entreaties. Bosses fire employees who are repeatedly late. People who choose not to put forth effort don't hold jobs, and people who steal break the law. Expectations and consequences

are the fundamentals of civilized societies. Compromise in the classroom sets a child up for future failure. Think "tough love".

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Famous Quote on Teaching

"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home and think about besides homework."

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