

Qualities of an Effective Teacher

Teaching is more than a job.

Do you want to be a teacher? *Think about it.* As a teacher you have a chance to effect change on society as a whole and to have a positive influence on the lives of others.

An effective teacher is someone who has the ability to establish positive realistic expectations for success of their students and themselves.

An effective teacher is someone who is organized and able to maintain a well-ordered environment, from the paperwork and deadlines, to the behavior of students. They should be able to walk away, so to speak, and learning should continue.

An effective teacher knows how important it is to reflect,
not necessarily on *what* they plan to do,
but *how* they will carry out that plan.

An effective teacher is someone who knows how to create interesting lessons. These lessons must be captivating, reach all students, and ensure mastery.

An effective teacher is kind and fair.

An effective teacher does the right thing.

An effective teacher is consistent.

Effective teachers do not overlook the small acts of kindness they perform everyday. They do not think they are of no benefit. Even tiny drops of water - in the end - will fill a huge vessel.

Effective teachers do not overlook any negative actions they may perform just because they appear small. However small a spark may be, it can burn down a haystack as big as a mountain.

Effective teachers must be open to the possibilities of the teaching and learning experience by always challenging their own assumptions.

Effective teachers must find joy in the unanticipated.

Are we describing you?

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