

Teachers have the ability to incite a hurricane, or calm a storm, so it's especially important to really think, before we speak or act.

"I've come to the conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It is my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized."

- Dr. Haim Ginott

Keeping this in mind, let us all endeavor to be the kind of teachers that loved, encouraged and inspired us; the kind we always wanted to have. Our favorites, who we still remember years later. Their happy - positive attitudes and passion to share their love of learning, was contagious.

Wishing you a wonderful year of making a difference.



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