

# Secrets to

# Great Teaching

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## Teach the Child

*We don't teach subjects we teach children. Learn about your children, build relationships, make decisions based on their needs.*

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## Don't Repeat History

*Just because you were taught one way, doesn't mean everyone learns that same way. Once you have built strong relationships with students, you can begin to teach them the way they need to be taught.*

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## Build a Village

*Strength in numbers! Build a team of support, because it takes a village.*

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## There's No Prescription

*You cannot create a prescription for learning. Be ready to modify everything. You may find great resources, but don't be fooled. No resource can be turn-keyed without modifications.*

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## Break the Box

*We all enter the profession with personal biases. We don't mean to, but they exist. Determine your biases, acknowledge them, then let them go.*

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## Just Be You

*New teachers often try to conform to a "teacher personality." This facade will make your job harder. Embrace yourself, and be genuine and real in the classroom. Your students will appreciate it.*

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## It's Not Personal

*You can't take anything personal. Your students have many things*

*they deal with on a daily basis, so their reactions are often due to outside circumstances, not you.*

## The Failure Option

*You will fail, but it is ok. Everything takes practice, so use each failure as an opportunity to grow.*

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## Catch and Release

*You will believe that you can save them all. This is impossible. But that doesn't mean give up. Never stop trying to reach your students, but recognize when you are just "not their person," and find who is.*

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## STOP Teaching!

*Stop teaching and Start Reaching*