

My List of What I Know About Education

I know that:

education has changed since I was in school

*parents are not like my parents were – I was told that if I
got into trouble at school it would be worse when I got home
that doesn't happen now*

kindergarten today is like 2nd grade use to be

*one of the worse things that happened to education was taking the threat
of discipline out of schools*

*most parents expect teachers to teach manners, responsibility, and
morals along with all the other subjects, and they blame us if we do not.*

*the central office staff has no idea what it is like being in an elementary
school all day and all the things that happen there*

*in elementary school we should go back to teaching reading, writing,
and arithmetic and everything else would fall in line.*

more than 50% of our parents need parenting skills

we have more children being raised by grandparents

being a teacher is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world

we can make a difference

*most teachers don't realize how many phone calls the principal gets
each day from complaining parents or central office staff that we
never know about. I found this out first hand!*

*home life is a major factor in our student's lives and in their
attitude toward school*

*I worry about my grandchildren growing up and going to school
because of all the things I know and have seen*

*some of our students only have what is prepared for them at school
to eat and come to school the next day hungry*

some days there are children who just need a hug

sometime school is the only safe haven for children

The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer always started our day at school.

*we didn't have computers, iPods, mp3 players, all we had were friends
and we created our own fun*

not only did schools close on Sunday but all stores did too.

*when we were kids and got into trouble, we got mom's switch or daddy's
belt and nobody had a problem with it*

*parents are teachers, too, and I wonder what they are teaching
their children this summer????*