

“He’s suffering from burnout, Mrs. Witt. Try buying him a toy that isn’t educational.”

**20/20 Hindsight**

A parent called me because her child had said I wouldn’t let him go outside until he went to the eye doctor and got glasses. Bewildered, I asked the child to repeat what he heard me say. He replied, “You told me I could not go outside to play unless I had super vision!”

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**It Ain’t Where It Should Be**

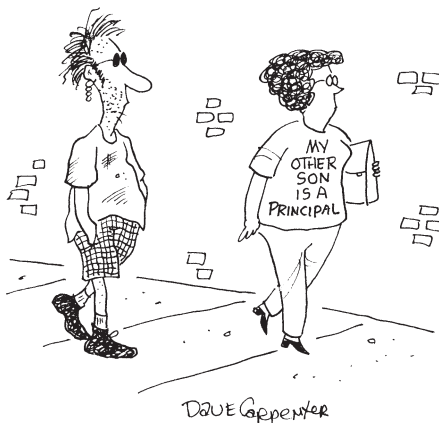
One of my first-grade autistic students was intensely studying my face and labeling various aspects of it. He first said “chin” and then “glasses.” As he came to the top of my bald head, he said with a perplexed and inquisitive look, “Hair?”

*Scott Ebbrecht, Principal  
Mark Twain Elementary School  
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**Silence Is Golden**

A kindergartner was in my office for an infraction and I was determined that my words were going to change

this little girl’s life. She tried to interrupt but I talked right over her. When I was done, I asked her what she had wanted to say.



“I don’t know. You talk so much, I forgot,” she said.

*Mike Look, Assistant Principal  
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**Time for the Next Lesson**

Two weeks into the school year, an energetic kindergarten boy told his mother, “Hey, Mom, today they taught me how to read; I think tomorrow they’re going to teach me to drive!”

*Lowell W. Biller, Principal  
Washington Elementary School  
Kingsport, Tennessee*

**That’s What You’re Here For**

During bus duty, a first-grade student approached the art teacher and asked “Do I have art class today?”

“Who is your teacher?” asked the art instructor.

“You are!” said the student.

*Lisa Thomas-Wright, Aspiring Principal  
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