Red or Blue?
The day after the election, one of our kindergarten special-needs students entered the room, sat down, and moped. The teacher asked him what was wrong, and he said he was sad because Bush won. Was he for Kerry? the teacher asked. No, he answered. He just wanted Mr. Latta to be his principal, not Bush.

Jerry Latta, Principal
Brickell Elementary School
Defiance, Ohio

You Don’t Have to Rub It In
Jeff was enjoying a lively presentation by his teacher when I whispered to him, “You’re lucky—I’m sure your teachers were never so fun!”

Jeff whispered back, “That’s because you went to school a long time ago, Mrs. West. You must be the oldest person in the school!”

Cathie West, Principal
Mountain Way Elementary School
Granite Falls, Washington

Holy Rollers?
Tristean had created an intriguing block structure featuring a tall tower with numerous ramps.
“What is it?” I asked.
“A church-skateboard park,” she proudly replied.

Cathie West, Principal
Mountain Way Elementary School
Granite Falls, Washington

Unfair Advantage
My daughter and I share the job of principal at a small K–8 school and the youngest children always have trouble with our names and titles. Asked who we were, one of the answers I got this year was “You are the president and that younger lady is running against you.” But when I asked the kindergartners this question, a little voice behind me said “You are Mrs. Terrien and the other principal is Mrs. Rottier.” I turned around to congratulate this wonderfully informed little one—and realized it was my grandson Cameron.

Mary Terrien, Co-Principal
St. John Grade School
Little Chute, Wisconsin

Snow Job
One afternoon, after it had been snowing all day, I found myself alone on bus duty, trying to supervise the bus lines while attempting to stop children from sliding down a hill and snowballing each other. I wasn’t having much success getting the last two kids off the hill when Seth, a fifth grader, came up. He asked me to hold his violin case, marched up, and physically removed them from the hill. Then he calmly walked back, took his case, and shook his head.

“Mr. Carlston,” he said, “sometimes you’re just too nice.”

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