A Real Mix

A third grader was telling his teacher about his puppy and the teacher asked what kind of dog it was.

“Half Pomeranian and half nasty neighbor dog,” he replied.

Brian Liedtke
Principal, Freeman Davis Elementary School
Mobridge, South Dakota

Read-Aloud Relief

One day, several first graders decided to write notes to me. The notes had pictures and messages such as “Thnk you fr beeng helpful.” Then I came across one that said, “Mistr Smith you are col and you are the bastard prinsabal in the wrld.” I called the little boy in to read what he wrote.

“Mr. Smith, you are cool, and you are the bestest principal in the world!” he read.

I breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Robert H. Smith
Principal, Monav Hall Elementary School
North Easton, Massachusetts

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Could You Hum a Few Bars?

A music teacher had a fifth-grade girl in her classroom after school with her first-grade brother, who was singing along on a microphone while she was practicing a song on the piano. At one point, she asked her brother to stop singing so that she could hear herself play.

“Tomorrow you can come back and sing to your little heart’s content,” the teacher told him.

“But I don’t know that song,” he replied.

Bethany Wilson
Principal, Sassarini Elementary School
Sonoma, California

In the Event of a Vegetable Attack

One of our students does much better when he is told ahead of time about fire drills and special events, so we told him when we were going to practice what to do in the event of a tornado. When it got near the time for the drill, he told his resource teacher he couldn’t go to class because we would be having a “tomato drill.”

Nancy M. Moga
Principal, Callaghan Elementary School
Covington, Virginia

Ask a Straightforward Question...

A substitute teacher came to me with a first-grade student who didn’t know which bus to ride home.

“Which bus did you ride yesterday?” I asked.

“The wrong one,” he replied.

Teresa Johnson, Principal
Mountain View Elementary School
Covington, Virginia

“I’ll be down in the faculty lounge making people nervous.”

“Don’t worry. She said my self-inflicted marker spots weren’t contagious.”