Tuned Out

I was teaching kindergarten one day, during which we practiced the songs for our upcoming Christmas program. We started singing a song and one student raised his hand. He proceeded to jump up and down in his seat throughout the entire song.

When I called on him after we finished the song, he said, “Mr. Leisenring, you don’t have the right tone!”

Doug Leisenring, Principal
Soo Hill Elementary School
Escanaba, Michigan

A Special Honor

I frequently visit our school daycare in the morning. Every time I walk through the door, two little girls race to see who could announce first, “The principal is here!” Then they all run to hug me.

One day, as I walked through the door, another little girl beat the two announcers to the punch and yelled, “The princess is here!” and they all ran and hugged me as usual.

I always wondered why they thought I was so special!

Tracey Olson, Principal/Superintendent
Parker School
Parker, South Dakota

Wait Until He Turns 10

A prospective kindergarten student attending our annual open house approached the sign-in table, eager to share his age with us.

He held his hand in the air with fingers spread wide open and boasted that he was going to turn 5 years old in the next month. “That’s a whole handful!” he said proudly.

Bridget Amory, Assistant Principal
Morris Early Childhood Center
Lincoln, Delaware

Have You Tried Google?

While watching a student make a poster about leaves, I remarked that when he finished, he would know a lot more about leaves than I knew.

He responded, “You know what you should do? Look it up on the Internet.”

Mary Ellen Smith, Principal
Linda Vista Catholic School
Chesterfield, Missouri

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“The children are doing the ‘Dance of the Snowflakes,’ hoping for a snow day. They have been joined by our first-year teacher.”