



*New Perspective...New Growth*

## STUDENTS SAY THE BEST TEACHERS:

1. Know us personally
2. Let us know who they are as individuals
3. Smile at us
4. Remember our names and use them
5. Speak to us - Say hello and goodbye
6. Argue (banter, tease, joke) with us in a fun way in informal situations
7. Check on us when we are sick or when a family member is sick
8. Remind us about school activities. They encourage us to participate
9. Come see us perform in activities beyond the school day
10. Establish rules for everyone including themselves
11. Show no favoritism or perception of favoritism
12. Are consistent
13. Do something special for us
14. Know we are always watching. We observe their behavior before, during and after school.
15. Admit it when they mess up or make mistakes
16. Tell us how we will use what we are learning in the real world
17. Use effective practices, like hands-on projects. They keep up with the latest ideas
18. Use technology and find ways we can use our own technology at school in appropriate ways
19. Give meaningful work. They know we do not like word searches, worksheets, or busy work
20. Are energetic, enthusiastic and enjoy their job
21. Help us beyond the school day or on their own time with our work
22. Are in control of the class
23. Tell us how we did on our work - timely and specific
24. Value our work and effort
25. Tell us they believe in us and work with us to be successful

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