Our Fifth Grade Teachers

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We interviewed the fifth grade teachers at DAS, and what they said was both amazing and inspiring. These are the questions we asked them. 1. What is it like being a teacher and is it fun? 2.Is it frustrating and why? 3.What is your favorite thing about teaching? This is what they had to say.

Mrs. Mizzi: “Being a teacher is tough work. You have to really be passionate about helping kids learn. No, it is not frustrating. I live my dream everyday. Teaching is a calling. If you do not enjoy it you are in the wrong field. You have to love what you do to do what you love.”

Mrs. Lenning: “Yes, it is fun; but it also has its challenges, especially when kids misbehave a lot. When I work really, really hard and kids just don’t even try at all, it is extremely frustrating. I always want to do my best for them; so, when they repeatedly give me “garbage” work in return, it’s honestly depressing. It makes it hard to keep doing my best for them. My favorite thing about teaching is those special moments where kids thought they couldn’t do something and I’ve helped to prove them wrong. It’s really the difference between saying, “I can’t do it” and “I can’t do it YET.””

Mr. Morgan: “Being a teacher is really fun. It takes a lot of patience and dedication. Some days can be frustrating but the funny thing is it is not the students that frustrate most teachers. It's more the deadlines that have to be met. That gets frustrating sometimes. The students by far are my favorite thing about teaching. My favorite thing about teaching is watching the students grow up to be awesome adults.”

Amazing, right? Inspiring. It’s beautiful! And thinking about it now, I (Mason) might want to become a teacher.

After interviewing our three fifth grade teachers at DAS, we think that teaching is a fun occupation. However, we also think it is challenging because children don’t always listen… and it’s important to listen so you know what's going on around you.