

TEACHERS WHO CANNOT LAUGH WILL CERTAINLY CRY

FLEXIBILITY: They are flexible. They know when to change a lesson, intervention, or activity for the benefit of the students and when to change in order to attain a broader objective.

Humour: They have a well-developed sense of humor. Mistakes, accidents, and humorous happenings occur in the classroom daily. They are capable of laughing at themselves and with their students. They never laugh at their students.

Teachers become models for the children they instruct. For better or worse, children will probably model at least some of their behavior after a teacher. It is of questionable value for children to have teachers who are highly skilled and knowledgeable in specific subject areas and activities but who lack the capacity to understand and accept themselves and their students.

Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself. -Leo Tolstoy