



Rewriting Common Truisms

Rewrite each of the common truisms in a gentle, yet realistic way so that they can be sent home in your next class newsletter or communicated directly to parents and/or guardians. After completing this list, write any of your own that you may wish to add.

1. I care a great deal about your child, but I have to be concerned with all the children in the classroom. All my energies can't be focused on a single child.

Rewrite:

2. I'll believe half of what your child tells me happens at home if you'll believe 50 percent of what he says happens at school.

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3. There always will be someone in the world who is smarter, more athletic, more musical, more... than your child. Let her be a child; let her skills and talents emerge naturally. Don't put so much pressure on your child that she learns to hate to learn.

Rewrite:

4. Most children watch too much TV. Limit TV viewing and encourage physical activity, reading, and imaginative thinking.

Rewrite:

5. I am here to ensure that your child can succeed; your support and encouragement are necessary for me to succeed in that effort.

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6. You are your child's first teacher. You have more of an impact on his values, behavior, expectations, work ethic, and actions than any other person in the world. If you feel education is important, your child will pick up on that and feel that doing his best and getting an education are important as well. You matter. You make the difference!

Rewrite:

7. My own truism(s):