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10 Things Parents Wish Schools/Teachers Would Do

1. Build children's self-esteem by using praise generously and avoiding ridicule and negative public criticism.
2. Get to know each child's needs, interests, and special talents, as well as the way each child learns best.
3. Communicate often and openly with parents, contacting them early about academic or behavioral problems and being candid, rather than defensive, when discussing these problems.
4. Regularly assign homework that helps children learn, and advise parents how they can work with their children on this homework.
5. Set high academic standards, expecting all children to learn and helping them do so.
6. Care about children, since children learn best when taught by warm, friendly, caring, and enthusiastic teachers.
7. Treat all children fairly and do not play favorites.
8. Enforce a positive discipline code based on clear and fair rules that are established at the beginning of each school year; reinforce positive behavior rather than punish negative behavior.
9. Vary teaching methods and make learning fun.
10. Encourage parent participation by reaching out to involve parents in their children's education, showing them how they can help their children at home, and remembering that parents want to work with teachers to help their children do their best.