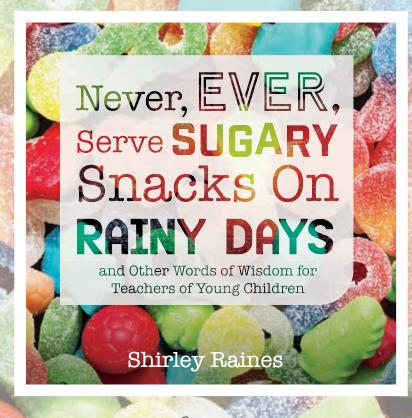


and Other Words of Wisdom for Teachers of Young Children

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Dear Readers,

Several years ago, my niece decided she wanted to become a teacher. She made the mistake of asking me, a former teacher, for advice. Out of my tips for her came my first advice book: Never, EVER, Serve Sugary Snacks on Rainy Days: The Official Little Instruction Book for Teachers of Young Children. Since that time, I have served education in many capacities. I have published research articles that have won awards and written successful books about using children's literature in the curriculum.

Now, as a speaker at early childhood conferences and at leadership-development sessions, audience members often mention my little advice book, which they usually call Never, Ever. Their continued interest prompted me to update the book. It is dedicated to those audience members, to my niece, and to the extraordinary students I have known who have become extraordinary teachers. Like the original, the new edition is filled with humor, common sense, admonitions, and silly and serious advice.

My best advice remains: Let the children be children, and trust yourself and your quality education that has prepared you to become the teacher you are.

Yours truly, Shirley Raines



Shirley's grandchildren. Riley Marie and Bryson Smith







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And celebrate all children as musicians, artists, and dancers.



Dream a lot.

Dream what the children in your classroom can become.















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Count fingers, toes, and noses—not mistakes.



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