

The Best Parts of Being a Teacher's Daughter

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Most kids say that there are advantages to at least one of their parents' jobs. I have found several advantages to both of my parents' jobs, but the more rewarding of the two are the advantages I get because my mother is a teacher. Some of these advantages include the teacher relationships I already formed, my mother's attention to my schooling, and the special privileges and opportunities I have received.

One of the best things about being a teacher's daughter are the relationships I already had formed before I had Kristi H., Mr. White, and Katie B. as teachers. The first of three of the teachers I previously formed a relationship with is Kristi H.. Since Kristi and my mother are both the same age, and Riann and I are fairly close in age, our families have been very close. Our mothers traded off taking us to gymnastics, so I hardly had to make any adjustments when Kristi became my first grade teacher. The second teacher I knew well before becoming his student is Mr. White. Although I know the White's from church, I have had many opportunities to get to know Mr. White through school staff social gatherings. Lastly, I already knew Katie B. very well before she became my third grade teacher. For several years, Katie and my mom taught third grade together, so through their lesson planning sessions, I got to know Katie well. It also helped that she was my neighbor. The previous relationships I had formed with Kristi H., Mr. White, and Katie B. are just one advantage of my mom being a teacher. Another is the attention she gives to my schooling.

Another reason why having a teacher as a mother is to my advantage is the attention she gives to my schoolwork by pushing me to get good grades, helping me with homework, and knowing that she is always there. The first form of attention she gives to my schoolwork is the

way she pushes me to get better grades. As a teacher, she knows that grades are important. Therefore, if I have a grade below a 90%, she pushes me to raise it because she knows I can do better than that. A second way she shows attention to my schoolwork is by helping me with homework. It's no secret that I am not a good speller or proofreader. Thankfully, she is because of her teaching background, and she looks over my English papers and helps me make the necessary changes. The last way that shows she pays attention is the fact that she is always around. If I were ever to get in trouble, my mom would find out almost immediately after it happened, and if I ever forget something, she can always run home over her lunch break and get it. My mother pays plenty of attention to my schoolwork, and another advantage of her job is the special privileges I get.

Some of the special privileges and opportunities I have gotten include going on a special school tour, going to back-to-school barbeques, and being able to run around the old grade school at night. The first opportunity I have gotten because of my mother's influence is a special school tour. Recently, my family and I were able to go on a guided school tour with Mrs. Derstein. We didn't even have to sneak in or wear those silly hats. A second privilege that is the result of my mom's job is the annual back-to-school barbeque at the Greenleaf Ranch. I always looked forward to the barbeque. The massive amounts of food, the socializing, and the best part - swimming in the pond. Last but not least, I was able to roam the old school at night because of my mother's position on the staff. As a little girl, I would entertain myself by running up and down the elementary hall at night while Mom did her lesson plans. But I only went as far as the office because the carpeted gym, the junior high hall, and the cafeteria were extremely dark and absolutely terrified me.

Advantages I get because my mother is a teacher include the teacher relationships I already formed, my mother's attention to my schooling, and the special privileges I have received. From a kid's perspective, I have more opportunities than say the child of an office worker or any small business owner. I have had many chances to help reach my full potential as a student and have fun at the same time.