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## **The Lighter Side of Classroom Management**

- Why “discipline” is still educational rocket science.
- Five management myths that should go away and die.
- What we all know, but must continually relearn—until that learning becomes *actionable*.
- Why it’s possible for two educators to disagree radically, yet for both to be right.
- Why you should always feel just a tad uncomfortable with being an authority figure.
- The single most essential thing to do when challenged, confronted or insulted by a student.
- Your most powerful time window—and how NOT to begin the school year.
- Why you must get in touch with both your inner child and your inner curmudgeon.
- Why, despite living in a society which continually devalues you, you’re still the most compelling, influential person in the room.
- The unique challenges (and benefits!) of teaching at-promise students.
- Things you should never say to your students—and what you ought to say instead.
- Why, no matter how troubled the relationship, there’s always another chance to turn things around. Always.

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