

Education Quotes

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Albert Einstein:

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.

Beatrix Potter:

Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality.

Carl Rogers:

If we value independence, if we are disturbed by the growing conformity of knowledge, of values, of attitudes, which our present system induces, then we may wish to set up conditions of learning which make for uniqueness, for self-direction, and for self-initiated learning.

Dean William R. Inge:

The aim of education is the knowledge not of fact, but of values.

Douglas Adams:

Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

Edith Hamilton:

It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought – that is to be educated.

Epictetus:

We must not believe the many, who say that only free people ought to be educated, but we should rather believe the philosophers who say that only the educated are free.

Discourses

Eric Hoffer:

In times of change, learners inherit the Earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

Fritz Redl:

Boredom will always remain the greatest enemy of school disciplines. If we remember that children are bored, not only when they don't happen to be interested in the subject or when the teacher doesn't make it interesting, but also when certain working conditions are out of focus with their basic needs, then we can realize what a great contributor to discipline problems boredom really is. Research has shown that boredom is closely related to frustration and that the effect of too much frustration is invariably irritability, withdrawal, rebellious opposition or aggressive rejection of the whole show.

When We Deal With Children

Henry B. Adams:

Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts.

James Baldwin:

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

John F. Kennedy:

Remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars.

John Powell:

The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.

Marian Wright Edelman:

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

Mark Twain:

Many public-school children seem to know only two dates – 1492 and 4th of July; and as a rule they don't know what happened on either occasion.

Mary Pettibone Poole:

To repeat what others have said, requires education, to challenge it, requires brains.

Mortimer Adler:

In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.

Pete Seeger:

Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't.

Rabbinical Saying:

Don't limit a child to your own learning, for he was born in another time.

Rachel Carson:

If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of a least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The man who can make hard things easy is the educator.

Roger Lewin:

Too often we give our children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.

Sidonie Gruenberg:

Home is the place where boys and girls first learn how to limit their wishes, abide by rules, and consider the rights and needs others.

Simone Weil:

The joy of learning is as indispensable in study as breathing is in running. Where it is lacking there are no real students, but only poor caricatures of apprentices who, at the end of their apprenticeship, will not even have a trade.

Thomas Jefferson:

Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government.

Will Durant:

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

William Butler Yeats:

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William E. Gladstone:

Never forget that the purpose for which a man lives is the improvement of the man himself, so that he may go out of this world having, in his great sphere or his small one, done some little good for his fellow creatures and labored a little to diminish the sin and sorrow that are in the world.

William Arthur Ward:

The mediocre teacher tells.

The good teacher explains.

The superior teacher demonstrates.

The great teacher inspires.