HOLD Primary School Teaching is no less a challenge. by Peter

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To be a teacher is a vocation that not everybody would choose. However those who do take this path as a career choice will very rarely regret their decision, and instead stay in their chosen profession all of their working life. There are those who choose a specific subject to teach in a high school environment, and there are others who choose primary school teaching as their specific niche in the field of education.

Teachers who specialize in primary school teaching obviously have to be more of an all rounder both in terms of what they teach and how they handle the children under their care.

To begin with:

â€¢ They are dealing with the same classroom of children all of the day, although the younger the children the shorter the day.

â€¢ They are handling a much wider range of subjects although not in great depth.

â€¢ They have a responsibility to not only form the basis for a childâ€™s further education but also for thei livesâ€™ path. How they will relate to society in Australia, their behavioural patterns and many other aspects of life as they grow older.

â€¢ In many cases primary school teaching involves remaining with the same group of students throughout their entire first level education until they ready to move on to high school. Different primary schools have different policies on this, preferring the teacher to just handle a specific class for just one school year or maybe two. This separation process can be difficult for the youngster however, and sometimes for the teacher too!

There are those in teaching profession that admit that while it might appear a little â€œ light weightâ€• from the outside primary school teaching can be as equally large a challenge as any high school teachers post. This due to the in-depth relationship that a primary school teacher should develop with their pupils.

Another aspect of Primary School Teaching that can also be challenging is the relationship between the pupilâ€™s parents and their teacher. Children first leave the framework of the home when they begin primary school, and a lot of parents, especially mothers, find this transition quite stressful. For that reason primary schools teachers have to be very diplomatic to reassure parents that their children are being well take care of.

Sometimes a situation can arise when a primary school teacher has to report to parents of specific problems that their child is experiencing in class, which could be either difficulty in study or behaviour. Again the teacher has to be as gentle as need be when explaining the problem to the parents and how it will need to be rectified.

All in all primary school teaching whilst having its challenges can be a very satisfying profession, and one worth pursuing.

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