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"No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship." – Dr. James Conner

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----- FEATURE ARTICLE

Can I Stay Home From School Today?

By Christopher Norman

"Can I stay home from school today?"

I shouted from my bed.

My mother smiled patiently

And slowly shook her head.

"But the kids are all so mean to me,

They're terrible! They're cruel!"

My mother said "I'm sorry dear,

You have to go school."

"But the teachers, they all hate me!

They make my life a mess!"

My mother said "I'm sure it's not

As bad as you suggest."

"But Mom, I swear the principal

Is out to cause me trouble!"

My mother said "Get dressed and go

To school right on the double!"

"But Mom, why do I have to go

And be such a miserable creature?"

My mother said "You have to go,

Because you are the teacher."

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RESEARCH LINKS – MATH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Equity for All Students in the New Millennium: Disabling Math Anxiety
http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/math_skills/equity_for_all_students.html

Dyscalculia Symptoms
<http://www.dyscalculia.org/calc.html>

Dyscalculia – Fact Sheet
http://www.ld.org/LDInfoZone/InfoZone_FactSheet_Dyscalculia.cfm

Mathematical Disabilities: What We Know and Don't Know
http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/math_skills/geary_math_dis.html

HALLOWEEN MATH LINKS

Halloween Math from Kidzone – A variety of worksheets for grades 1-5
<http://www.kidzone.ws/math/halloween/>

Pumpkin Observations
<http://www.eduref.org/cgi-bin/printlessons.cgi/Virtual/Lessons/Science/Agriculture/AGR0008.html>

Lifesize skeleton pattern
<http://www.mrsburns.com/bones98/skeleton.pdf>

“Dem Bones” Halloween Candy Math -
<http://www.angelfire.com/pa5/as/myprintables.html>

FEATURE LESSONS

Halloween Candy Sort K-2
<http://atozteacherstuff.com/pages/278.shtml>

Candy Corns Are the Greatest! 1-2
<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/MathCandyCornInequalities12.htm>

Halloween Co-ordinate Graphing 3+
<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/seasonal/halloween/graphing.htm>

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