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"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." Japanese proverb

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FEATURE WEBSITE

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Bad, Worse, Worst
By Chris Slaughter

OK, we all occasionally have a bad day. But every now and then, our bad day turns into a terrible one. And then, if the planets are lined up just right, if your biorhythms are slightly out-of-whack, or if your students show up, the bad day swells up into a full-blown disaster. The list below provides a sampling of how your day might go from bad to worse to worst.

BAD: You are out sick, and your students like the substitute better...

WORSE: ... and so do the other teachers...

WORST: ... and so does your spouse.

BAD: You wake up late for work...

WORSE: ... and have a flat tire on the way to school...

WORST: ... and you get there and discover it is Saturday.

BAD: One of your students tries to set you up with their dad...

WORSE: ... and their mom is standing right there...

WORST: ... and she is in favor of the arrangement.

BAD: One of your students calls you “Mom”...
WORSE: ... another one calls you “Grandma”...
WORST: ... and you are a man.

BAD: Your wonderful boss retires...
WORSE: ... and you hear the new boss is a real jerk...
WORST: ... and he/she turns out to be your ex.

BAD: Your washing machine breaks, so you end up wearing your least favorite outfit...
WORSE: ... and one of your students wears the exact same thing...
WORST: ... and she looks better in it.

BAD: You accidentally left a child behind on a field trip...
WORSE: ... and you brought back another child in his place...
WORST: ... and no one wants the first child back.

BAD: You are stuck in a parent conference...
WORSE: ... and it is going badly...
WORST: ... and they are YOUR parents.

BAD: Your wildest student is acting up...
WORSE: ... and he is out of his meds...
WORST: ... because he sold them to the other students.

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END OF YEAR LINKS

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<http://www.justusteachers.com/teacherreportcard.pdf>

Make a puzzle of your class!
<http://www.puzzlemaker.com/>

Making the Most of the Dreaded End-of-School Days
http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson268.shtml

Learning Up to the Very Last Minute
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/learningtilllastmin.htm>

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Helping your Child Learn Math - With activities for children aged 5 through 13
http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/learnmath_index.html

Grade K-5 packets

<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Kinder.pdf>
<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Grade1.pdf>
<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Grade2.pdf>
<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Grade3.pdf>
<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Grade4.pdf>
<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/dci/math/Grade5.pdf>

Grade 3-7 packets

<http://www.trumbullps.org/reading/math/g3math.pdf>
<http://www.trumbullps.org/reading/math/g4math.pdf>
<http://www.trumbullps.org/reading/math/g5math.pdf>
<http://www.trumbullps.org/reading/math/g6math.pdf>
<http://www.trumbullps.org/reading/math/g7math.pdf>

3-5 packets

<http://www.newfairfieldschools.org/meetinghouse/packets.htm>

Grade 6 packet

<http://www.dedham.k12.ma.us/dms/summer/math/sixthgrade/>

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