

## WHAT TEACHERS MAKE

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life in general.

One man, a recently promoted CEO, decided to lecture the others about the problem with education.

He argued, "What's a kid going to learn about success in life from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He pointed out to the other dinner guests what has been said about teachers:

"Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach."

To stress his point he said to another guest, "I believe that you're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had patiently sat through the CEO's remarks (she had a reputation for honesty and frankness) replied, "You want to know what I make?"

"I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence. You want to know what I make?"

I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English. I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn."

Susan paused and then continued. "You want to know what I make? I **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. What do you make?"

There was a moment of absolute silence at the dinner table. Oh, to be a fly on the wall!

**THERE IS MUCH TRUTH IN THIS STATEMENT: "Teachers make every other profession possible."**