

# Bel Kaufman Quotes

*Teacher, School, Children, Teaching, Mind, People, Heart, Reading, Long,  
Want, Morning, Writing, Moments, Tree, Connoisseur, Language, Sense Of  
Humor, Listening, Volunteer, Inspiring*

Education is not a product: mark, diploma, job, money-in that order; it is a process, a never-ending one.

~Bel Kaufman

Children are the true connoisseurs. What's precious to them has no price, only value.

~Bel Kaufman

Education can't make us all leaders, but it can teach us which leader to follow.

~Bel Kaufman

I had used my sense of humor; I had called it proportion, perspective. But perspective is distance.

~Bel Kaufman

The heart has its reasons; it's the mind that's suspect.

~Bel Kaufman

Love is the ultimate giving, an expression of one's best self.

~Bel Kaufman

Learning is a process of mutual discovery for teacher and pupil. Keep an open mind to their unexpected responses.

~Bel Kaufman

Never mind the cream; it will always rise to the top. It's the skim milk that needs good teachers.

~Bel Kaufman

The preciousness of every moment is emphasized with every tick of the clock. Isn't it a magnificent day today?

~Bel Kaufman

I want to point the way to something that should forever lure them, when the TV set is broken and the movie is over and the school bell has rung for the last time.

~Bel Kaufman

Time collapses and expands like an erratic accordion.

~Bel Kaufman

People ate bread made of the shells of peas because there was no flour.

~Bel Kaufman

Teachers try to make us feel lower than themselves, maybe because this is because they feel lower than outside people. One teacher told me to get out of the room and never come back, which I did.

~Bel Kaufman

I feel no different than I felt at 99, 98 or 97. Just because you live a long time, you get all this attention. Just because you survived? Of course, I survived a lot.

~Bel Kaufman

When giving comes directly from the heart, it can never disappoint or embarrass.

~Bel Kaufman

And that's it; that's why I want to teach; that's the one and only compensation: to make a permanent difference in the life of a child.

~Bel Kaufman

To the young, cliches seem freshly minted.

~Bel Kaufman

I'll never retire as long as I liveâ€”that's like retiring from life! I'll never

stop writing, teaching, lecturing. If you're in good health, living is exciting on its own.

~Bel Kaufman

A teacher is frequently the only adult in the pupil's environment who treats him with respect.

~Bel Kaufman

Mythology is studied in the school system because most of us come from it.

~Bel Kaufman

If a teacher wants to know something why doesn't she look it up herself instead of making we students do it? We benefit ourselves more by listening to her, after all she's the teacher!

~Bel Kaufman

One of my students had written wistfully of a dream-school that would have "windows with trees in them.

~Bel Kaufman

I like the word OLD. Not senior, that's for proms. Older? Older than whom? 'Old' is honorable and ripe

~Bel Kaufman

... good teachers, like Tolstoy's happy families, are alike everywhere.

~Bel Kaufman

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