

Donalyn Miller

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I try to teach my students that books are a mirror, reflecting their own lives, and a window, giving them a peek into someone else's.

~Donalyn Miller

I realized that every lesson, conference, response, and assignment I taught must lead students away from me and toward their autonomy as literate people.

~Donalyn Miller

Readers enjoy talking about books almost as much as they like reading.

~Donalyn Miller

Although I enjoy digging through the library to help students find books, my aim is to help them develop self-confidence in choosing books for themselves.

~Donalyn Miller

Books are love letters (or apologies) passed between us, adding a layer of conversation beyond our spoken words.

~Donalyn Miller

Students need to make their own choices about reading material and writing topics.

~Donalyn Miller

The purpose of schools should not be to prepare students for more school. We should be seeking to have fully engaged students now

~Donalyn Miller

Failure is not an option, so why talk about it?

~Donalyn Miller

If we value all readers, we must value all reading.

~Donalyn Miller

A classroom atmosphere that promotes reading does not come from the furniture and its placement as much as it comes from the teacher's expectation that students will read.

~Donalyn Miller

When we meet and I discover that we have read and loved the same books, we are instant friends.

~Donalyn Miller

Our children shouldn't have to wait for adulthood to become wild readers. For many, it will be too late.

~Donalyn Miller

If you don't read, I don't know how to communicate with you...I can never express who I am in my own words as powerfully as my books can.

~Donalyn Miller

Failing to graduate a populace that values reading has long-term consequences for everyone.

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