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That's the beauty of art--we strive for perfection but never achieve it. The journey is everything.

~Rafe Esquith

I try to show the children how every lesson I teach them is going to be something they use in their real life. That's why my kids work so hard, not because I'm so cool. They're working for themselves.

~Rafe Esquith

The reason I love teaching, it's like being a miner. I find all these undiscovered jewels and, with the right motivation, they're amazed at what they can do. I have to show them their capability.

~Rafe Esquith

I want my students to love to read. Reading is not a subject. Reading is a foundation of life, an activity that people who are engaged with the world do all the time

~Rafe Esquith

It's not the job of the teacher to save a child's soul; it is the teacher's job to provide an opportunity for the child to save his own soul.

~Rafe Esquith

I don't think we expect enough of students. They just need someone to show them the way.

~Rafe Esquith

I want my kids to know that they're just as good and just as American as Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, or Dr. Martin Luther King. My worst fear is they will become ordinary.

~Rafe Esquith

Teach like your hair's on fire!

~Rafe Esquith

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Baseball is a religion in my classroom. It's a very important part of life, baseball.

~Rafe Esquith

I always tell the kids that excellence is like pregnancy. You can't be a little bit pregnant. You either are or you're not.

~Rafe Esquith

I have students who are PhDs in music who come back and scored the music and teach the kids the instruments that I don't know how to play. Those are the points of light, the former students.

~Rafe Esquith

There's a difference between logic and what maybe people see when they're presented evidence and justice and that they're not always together.

~Rafe Esquith

Good teachers are an endangered species because they're giving up because of the tests and everything.

~Rafe Esquith

I love Shakespeare. In Shakespeare, tragedy is not just something that's bad. It's something that could be good and is bad.

~Rafe Esquith

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