

Best Wishes!

Poetry Can Help

from p. 2, Mrs. Lind in school. We both believed in a school in which all students were supported through a combination of strategies and kindness whether or not they had a formal plan. We've interacted with many interesting students and their parents over the years. We have laughed and cried together. Chris was the first person to talk to me about Kurzweil years ago (look it up – he revolutionized the music industry as well as the education field). Wilson Reading Program, Lindamood-Bell, Learning Ally – whatever was effective and got results – she was into it – and shared it. This is her gift – to preserve a student's dignity while skillfully and thoughtfully helping them where they are most vulnerable. I'll say it again - she will be very missed. **Marcia Ruberg**

To Chris,
 A regular CHIP off the old block
 Who always CHIPS in, no matter the task
 And whose CHIPPY and cheery disposition never wavers
 Even when the CHIPS are down.
 As you move into retirement, your ROSA family hopes you always CHIP a superb shot every time.
 Happy Retirement and Best of Luck to my favorite potato chip-eating buddy. You have been a gift to Rosa in so many ways and your Rosa family will always treasure your kindness, intelligence, generosity, compassion and strength.
 Best of luck and much happiness,
Lynne Vosbikian

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 - Always attribute the author of the poem, by including the author's name or initials at the end. Do this even with your own poetry.
 When you read poetry, do it slowly and thoughtfully. Absorb the words and verses to see how they make you feel. When you find just the right graduation poem, you'll know it.
 Here's one you might start with:

The Paradoxical Commandments
 by Dr. Kent M. Keith

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
5. Do good anyway.
6. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.
7. The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.
Think big anyway.
8. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
9. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.
10. People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
Help people anyway.
11. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you have anyway.

