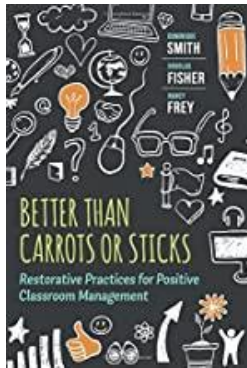


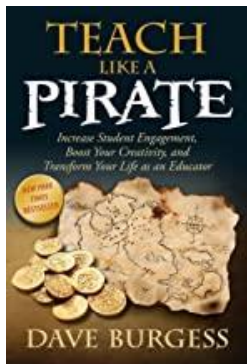


*"I was read to as a small child, I read on my own as soon as I could, and I recall being more or less overwhelmed again and again — if not by what the books actually said, by what they suggested, what they helped me to imagine." – Marilynne Robinson*

Books have a unique power to teach us, change us, and grow us as individuals and as members of our global community. Reading is, like education, a gift. Below I have listed books that have enlightened and enhanced my thinking in terms of what and how I will teach future generations.



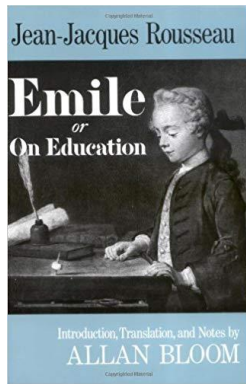
Relationships matter. No matter where you go or what you do, how you treat people makes a difference. This book discusses how building a strong relationship with your students will enhance your ability to manage your classroom. Using prevention and procedure in lieu of punishment after the fact will help create a learning environment based on respect and rapport. This book has encouraged me to be preventative and proactive with my students.



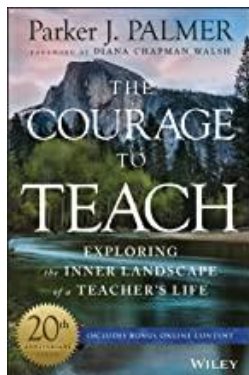
Initially, this book is a bit dry and cumbersome to read; however, once one has persevered through the preamble, the practical ideas for giving life to subject lessons are creative, easy to implement, and increase student engagement. I absolutely recommend the back half of this book.



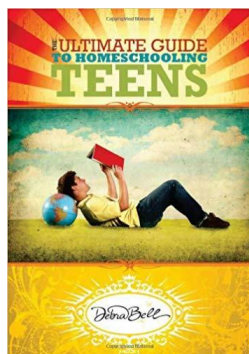
I am hooked on TED ED. Nick Fuhrman, Sir Ken Robinson, Rita Pierson, Azul Terronez just to name a few. Hearing from great teachers with years of experience helps me to better envision what I want for my students and what I want from my teaching career.



This book demonstrates a utopian view of the student-centered education, a paradigm to which I can relate and one in which I hope to provide in a lesser degree to my future students. My desire is to facilitate a learning environment for my students in which they feel safe and confident. An environment where they can make mistakes and learn from them, free from ridicule and provocation.



*Next on my list...*



This book has been my guide over the past two years in my homeschool. It emphasizes the importance of record keeping, offers encouragement, and provides a guide to curriculum building and lesson planning for middle school and high school. The content of this book has not only prepared me for homeschooling but has helped me to think through what teaching is. As a teacher I offer opportunities for learning. The bottom line for me, is to make those opportunities meaningful.

*1b Demonstrating Knowledge of Students*

*2a Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport*

*2b Establishing a Culture for Learning*

*2c Managing Classroom Procedures*

*2d Managing Student Behavior*

*3a Communicating with Students*

*3b Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques*

*3c Engaging Students in Learning*

*4a Reflecting on Teaching*