



Teacher Definitions

There are some words that mean something a little different to teachers than they do to the rest of the world. Here are a few examples:

basketball — a game that must be played any time a student has trash in his or her hand and is within 10 feet of a trash can... upon viewing students play this game, it can easily be seen that most of them need work on their jump shots

Smartboard — an amazing piece of technology that must be calibrated and highly maintained at all times, or else it quickly stops being “smart” and simply becomes a very expensive screen to display an LCD projector

summer vacation — a glorious time that can only be obtained if someone is willing to compact 12 months worth of work and stress into a 9 month period

life imprisonment — a clever response by a student to the teacher request, “*Write a long sentence*”... this response will a) give the teacher a headache, and b) possibly get a note sent home with the student

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