

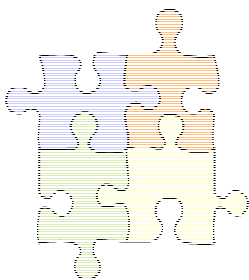
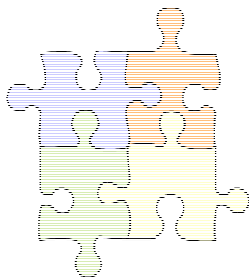
Our class was posed the question, "What are the positive and negative aspects of teaching?" We had many different ideas, but came to a common theme. Like the pieces of a puzzle, it is all connected...the good and the bad, the yin and the yang. You can't have one without the other.

### Working With Youngsters

- \*When the "light" finally goes on
- \*Defending the underdog
- \*Expanding minds
- \*Loving students
- \*Creating a safe haven for students
- \*Making real connections
- \*Being a positive example for a student
- \*Being living proof that learning is a fun, life long process
- \*Students become your family

### Emotional Overload

- \*Brain overload
- \*Not stable: kids, classes, and politics
- \*Need for self examination/criticism
- \*Need for "staying power" to get through today, this week, this year
- \*Need ability to think "tomorrow is another day"
- \*Feeling failure when you don't reach a student

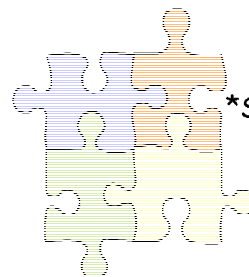
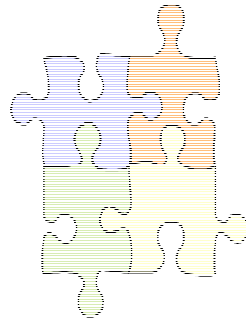


### Collegial Rapport

- \*Camaraderie with teachers
- \*Off-campus lunches with colleagues
- \*Supportive administrators

### Work Load

- \*Lots of boring time spent grading papers/paperwork
- \*Spending lots of extra time doing work at home
- \*Spending your own money to buy what you need
- \*Your first year can be overwhelming



### Vacation

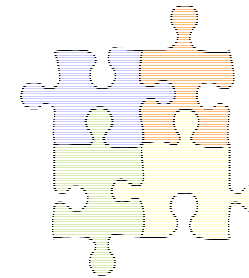
- \*Summer vacation, winter and spring break
- \*Being able to travel
- \*Minimum Days

# The Real World of Teaching

(What professors and books don't tell you)  
According to EDML 5001, Dr. Wink, Fall '04

### Reality Check

- \*You teach in the real world, not an ideal world
- \*Realizing that you can't save everyone
- \*Students who have the ability, but do not take advantage of it
- \*Being unable to overcome/affect/change



### Professional Fulfillment

- \*Learning something well enough to teach it
- \*Earning your pay with the work you do
- \*Working at an occupation that is for the greater good, not just to make money
- \*Working with supportive parents who want what's good for their children

### Emotional Fulfillment

- \*Impacting someone's life
- \*Feeling Alive
- \*Having a "nice" feeling
- \*When you receive a note from a student
- \*When past students become teachers
- \*The small things, like a smile

### Politics and Administration

- \*Dealing with the politics and government in education
- \*Criticism from the public/those outside education
- \*Pressure from principals
- \*Probation versus tenure
- \*Working with difficult parents
- \*The ever-swinging pendulum

