

Penny Story

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The best teacher I have ever know is definitely my mother, Penny Story. She is one of the greatest highlights of my life. She is the smartest woman I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. My mother has taught me everything I know, whether it's common sense or book knowledge. This incredible woman teaches Spanish I and 2. The techniques that she uses in the classroom are exquisite. She is always fair to everyone in class. I have no special treatment. Some teaches that are very smart cannot teach well; not my mother! She can be silly at times in class but that is just one of the many characteristics that make her not only the greatest teacher, but the greatest mother as well.



Penny Story looks on as Dr. Dan Tollett, Utrust Administrator presents a check to Rebecca Story.

My mother is the greatest person I have ever known. When people say “mother knows all” they are not lying. Sometimes she says things that I do not quite understand, but I think she likes to confuse me. Once she explains herself, it all makes sense. This just goes to prove that she is very intelligent. She is not only great at teaching Spanish, but our Advanced Algebra teacher was on maternity leave junior year, so she taught that class as well. She has always been so talented and multi-tasking. Even though she can be strict in class, her personality makes up for it all. She has a very high sense of humor. This is just one of the many reasons she is the greatest woman I have ever known.

Getting to know the students and helping the students play a major role in being a high school teacher. As teenagers, this stage of life can be very difficult, and my mother always knows just how to fix these problems. She is a great person to talk to when something is wrong. Her techniques in the classroom are very different compared to other teachers' techniques. Most teachers try to cram too much work on the students. To students, that is a huge turn off for a teacher. Too much work is overwhelming and may cause some students to panic. The majority of our senior class is making very good grades in Spanish 2 class. Instead of loading us with work, she lets us do group projects and other fun, creative assignments to help us learn as we go through the class. She also opens up a new perspective to where we can understand the context better. Mother knows all!

Even though I am her daughter, she treats me just like all the other students in class. She has always told me that fairness will get me many places in life. “Cheaters never win”, she would always say. The only difference between me and my classmates is that everyone else calls her Mrs. Story while I call her momma. Fairness is very important, especially when it comes to

being a teacher. I do not get any more special treatment than other kids in the class. For example, I do not get to see the tests or quizzes at home. Most of the time, I walk in the class

having no idea what we are doing in class. My friends always ask what we are going to do in class, so ahead of time I have to tell them I know just as much as they do.

The best thing about my mother is her personality. Rarely ever is she angry in class, although at times she can be very high-strung. If a student is getting stressed, she always knows what to say or do to make them laugh and stress-free. She has a great sense of humor. Most people say I can talk and act just like her at times, which I take as a compliment. My mother is the type of person that, once she starts a conversation on a certain subject, she goes on and on about it. I think that is a great thing because communication is very important in life.

My mother is the best person and teacher I have ever known. Without her, I do not know where or who I would be today. I learn something new every day from my mother. Her being a teacher allows me to get to know her better. It seems that she is very happy as a teacher as her smiles grow brighter each day. Every kid matters to her because she treats them like her own. As students and as her daughter, we learn more every day as she continues to learn more about us as well. I always thought having my mother as a teacher would be awkward, but I think we have both found it to be very pleasant. I believe it is safe to say that my mother is a favorite to many students at Trousdale County High School.