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A great teacher once said, "One does not need brains nor brawns to achieve your dreams just hard work and dedication. Coffee I'm guessing would help you, too." That teacher is my former A.C.T teacher, Mrs. Etsweiler. She was and still is one of my favorite teachers. She did many things to inspire me to learn everything from the galaxy to microbiology. She had many wonderful traits like being encouraging, equanimous, and kind. She is an amazing teacher who inspired me to learn all through my elementary years at Crestview Elementary school.

The first trait she showed that helped us learn was encouragement. Mrs.E was very encouraging when we had trouble understanding something. She always motivated us to try our best whenever a challenging problem came up or when we couldn't solve a riddle she asked us. Secondly, she would never let us quit halfway when we had a good idea. Finally, when we failed at something, she told us to keep trying until we could try anymore! She never just gave up on her class, accepted failure, or stopped trying. This encouragement helped us to learn easily and without fail or surrender!

Secondly, Mrs. E was absurdly equanimous at all times everywhere she went. She is always calm during terribly stressful times, which somehow helped us calm down, too. Also, she had lots of patience with us whenever we are working. Most of all, she always sounds prepared and composed when teaching, making

small talk, or even lecturing us on what we did wrong. She always kept her calm, which helped us focus, even when we were stressed or discombobulated. Learning was easy if we were calm, focused, and saw she was prepared for anything we threw at her.

Another trait Mrs. E took incredibly serious was kindness. This trait is what everyone knew her for, because it was so important to her character. Mrs.E would always help out even when it wasn't needed of her, because that is just the way she acted towards situations. She never would get angry at anyone for any reason. Whenever we got stuck on an assignment, she would help in every way she could. Many people only knew her from passing her in the hallway, but she always waved at you just out of habit. This kindness made everyone feel relaxed and ready to learn!

Mrs. Etsweiler was an amazing teacher for those reasons and many more. The reasons she was such a great teacher was because she was kind, encouraging, and equanimous. She was always a pleasure to be around and the fact I got to be in her class was amazing. Every time we were taught a lesson we didn't understand, she would help us out. She never looked panicked or frightened when something went wrong. She was a wonderful teacher who always inspired her class to learn.