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Inspiration from educators.
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"I was predestined to teach."

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Professional Biography

Reva Chatman-Buckley intended to go into broadcast journalism, and then life lead her to the field of education. Her career has included classroom teaching, school administration, district-level leadership, and university research and instruction. Reva is passionate about the importance of community building and a focus on the success of each student within educational settings. She is the author of the book *Fresh Roses: Teachers as Newcomers: Learning the Ropes at a New School* (2015).

Lessons Learned

- Use an activity designed to get individuals talking and building a sense of community before beginning to teach or work with a group.
- Continue to build or strengthen community/belonging connections during the school year.
- Students pay more attention to what you do than what you say.
- Take time to establish consensus and ownership of an idea, discipline plan, or method of operation before implementation.

Favorite Resources

Books

- **The Holy Bible**
- **Lortie, D. C. (1977). *Schoolteacher; a sociological study*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.**
- **Bolman, L. G. (2008). *Reframing Organizations: Artistry, Choice, and Leadership*. Wiley & Sons, Incorporated, John.**

Quotes

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."
— Philippians 4:13

"The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story."
— Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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