

Learning the Ropes

**Teachers don't leave
poor students; they leave
poor organizational cultures.**

—Bryan Goodwin, p. 84

**Here's something I wish
someone had told me
as a new teacher:
An emotion isn't a response,
it's a choice.**

—Robert Jackson, p. 36

**Teaching is not unlike
parenthood—the early years
feel impossible at times:
the late nights, the constant
work and worry, the giving more
than we sometimes get in return.
Give yourself two or three
years to feel like you are
treading water.
Give yourself five to feel like
you can swim.**

—Alexis Wiggins, online exclusive