Principle #1: Nobody Can Teach You as Well as You Can Teach Yourself.

Principle #2: Merely Listening to Your Teachers and Completing Their Assignments is Never Enough.

Principle #3: Not Everything You Are Assigned to Read or Asked to Do Is Equally Important.

Principle #4: Grades Are Just Subjective Opinions.

Principle #5: Making Mistakes (and Occasionally Appearing Foolish) Is the Price You Pay for Learning and Improving.

Principle #6: The Point of a Question Is to Get You to Think - Not Simply to Answer It.

Principle #7: You're In School to Learn to Think for Yourself, Not to Repeat What Your Textbooks and Teachers Tell You.

Principle #8: Subjects Do Not Always Seem Interesting or Relevant, but Being Actively Engaged in Learning Them is Better than Being Passively Bored and Not Learning Them.

Principle #9: Few Things Are as Potentially Difficult, Frustrating, or Frightening as Genuine Learning, Yet Nothing Is So Empowering.


Principle #11: If You're Doing It for the Grades or for the Approval of Others, You're Missing the Satisfaction of the Process and Putting Your Self-Esteem at the Mercy of Things Outside Your Control.

Principle #12: School Is a Game, but It's a Very Important Game.

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