

Book Club
Claremont

Teacher Proof by Tom Bennett

“Why research in education doesn't always mean what it claims, and what you can do about it.”

-Tom Bennett

Our Book Club felt that this book was a very important read for all educators. This book “Teacher Proof” challenges teachers with such comments as...”the contemporary obsession with technology in the classroom is ridiculous.” The author mentions technology use in the classroom, flipped learning, gamification, and changes to assessment for learning. He highly encourages teachers to ask more questions and ask for more evidence before making curricular or assessment changes. Bennett reminds teachers to be cautious of stats mentioned in research. His advice? Dig deeper. Ask more questions.

“There are so many claims about educational innovation every day that it is hard to keep up with the latest trend.” (p.171). His opinion is that most trends do not last and most trends do not “stand up to a cursory examination.”

So what does make teaching successful? What is our focus as teachers? Where do we go with all of this? In the words of Tom Bennett:

- strong educational leadership
- emphasis on the acquiring of basic skills
- an orderly and secure environment
- high expectations of pupil attainment
- frequent assessment of pupil progress

This is a great read! We highly encourage others to read this. Whether you agree or not with the author's view points it is a very important thought process that this book will require you to do and it truly is worth it!!