

THE POWER OF TEACHING

“I’VE COME TO A FRIGHTENING CONCLUSION
THAT I AM THE DECISIVE ELEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM.
IT’S MY PERSONAL APPROACH THAT CREATES THE CLIMATE.
IT’S MY DAILY MOOD THAT MAKES THE WEATHER.

AS A TEACHER, I POSSESS A TREMENDOUS POWER
TO MAKE A CHILD’S LIFE MISERABLE OR JOYOUS.
I CAN BE A TOOL OF TORTURE OR AN INSTRUMENT
OF INSPIRATION.

I CAN HUMILIATE OR HUMOR, HURT OR HEAL.

IN ALL SITUATIONS, IT IS MY RESPONSE THAT DECIDES
WHETHER A CRISIS WILL BE ESCALATED OR DE-ESCALATED
AND A CHILD HUMANIZED OR DE-HUMANIZED.

–HAIM GINOTT–