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## Things Kids Don't Learn In School

Rule #1. Life is not fair. Get used to it.

Rule #2. The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as your school does. It'll expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule #3. Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either. You may even have to wear a uniform that doesn't have a Gap label.

Rule #4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.

Rule #5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for it. They called it opportunity.

Rule #6. It's not your parents' fault. If you screw up, you are responsible.

Rule #7. Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying your bills, cleaning up your room and listening to you tell them how idealistic you are.

By the way, before you go out to save the rain forest, try cleaning the closet in your bedroom.

Rule #8. Life isn't divided into semesters & you don't get summers off. They expect you to show up every day, for eight hours. And you don't get a new life every 10 weeks, it just goes on and on.

Rule #9. Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes, minus time for commercials.

Rule #10. Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them.

Rule #11. Enjoy this while you can. Sure, parents are a pain, school's a bother and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be kid. Maybe you could start now.

*Someone sent this to me in an email. It's fun, sarcastic, provocative, and also may be quite relevant. Enjoy it but don't get carried away and self-righteous back at your kids!*