





Education is not just chalk and board, It's the quiet spark, the opened door. It's the question asked when no one dares, The courage found in classroom chairs. It's late night notes and early trains, The silent wins, the honest gains. It's mentors who believe we can, And every book that changed our plan. It's not about the perfect grade, But how we learn, how dreams are made. It builds the voice, it lights the way, The shape of all our new someday. So here's to you, who chose to climb, Who values growth, who gave it time. The world will change because you try, With open mind and steady strides.

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