KINDERGARTEN TODAY

Mary Lynn Spiker
2017 Idaho Teacher of the Year
As of 2014, 33 percent of all people who live in poverty were children—more than 15.4 million, or 21 percent of all children in the United States.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2014
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN POVERTY CLIMBED TO 46.7 MILLION - ONE IN SEVEN AMERICANS - THE LARGEST NUMBER SINCE POVERTY RATES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2014
CHILDREN RAISED IN POVERTY ARE LIKELY TO DISPLAY ACTING OUT BEHAVIORS, IMPATIENCE AND IMPULSIVITY, GAPS IN POLITENESS AND SOCIAL GRACES, A MORE LIMITED RANGE OF BEHAVIORAL RESPONSES AND LESS EMPATHY FOR OTHERS’ MISFORTUNES.

Teaching With Poverty in Mind
Eric Jensen, 2009
“SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGE CONTRIBUTES IN IMPORTANT WAYS TO STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. CHILDREN IN POOR HEALTH ATTEND QUALITY SCHOOLS LESS REGULARLY. THOSE WITH INADEQUATE HOUSING CHANGE SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY, DISRUPTING NOT ONLY THEIR OWN EDUCATION BUT THOSE OF THEIR CLASSMATES. CHILDREN WHOSE HOMES LACK INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION ENTER SCHOOL ALREADY SO FAR BEHIND THAT THEY RARELY CAN CATCH UP.”

“A Nation at Risk” Twenty-Five years Later
Richard Rothstein
LOW-INCOME PARENTS HOLD THE SAME ATTITUDES ABOUT EDUCATION THAT WEALTHY PARENTS DO.

IT MIGHT BE SAID MORE ACCURATELY THAT SCHOOLS THAT FAIL TO TAKE THESE CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT DO NOT VALUE THE INVOLVEMENT OF POOR FAMILIES AS MUCH AS THEY VALUE THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER FAMILIES.

Educational Leadership
Paul Gorski, 2008
JOURNEY BACK IN TIME...

Kindergarten 2016-Present
EVERY TIME WE THINK WE HAVE MEASURED OUR CAPACITY TO MEET A CHALLENGE WE NEED TO LOOK UP AND BE REMINDED OUR CAPACITY MAY BE LIMITLESS. THIS IS THE TIME TO DO WHAT IS HARD, ACHIEVE WHAT IS GREAT, AND REACH FOR THE STARS.

West Wing Series
President Bartlet played by Martin Sheen