

The Art of Knowing By Momina Khan

Teacher of my child, we both need to know what we don't know.

You know the student you have in your class is my child, I know the child I share with you is your student.

I know you teach him how to speak English, You know I teach him how to speak his voice.

I know you teach him how we all are the same, You know I teach him how we all are different too.

I know you teach him how to share with others his culture, You know I teach him how to live between two cultures.

I know you are scared to talk to him about his faith, You know I am scared both for him and his faith.

I know you teach him how to find the right answers, You know I teach him ways to pose hard questions.

I know you teach him how to read and write a story, You know I teach him ways to tell and live his own story.

I know you have expert knowledge on how to teach your student, You know I have parent knowledge of how to nurture my child.

I know you are a teacher and teaching is your profession, You know I am a parent and protecting is my position.

Let's make a mutual pledge about our child and student. Let me help you in teaching and knowing your student.

I know no other way that you can come to know my child than through engaging with me.

