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The important thing about effective instruction is that it helps *a//*kids learn.

It is true that it requires creating an environment that encourages learning,  
and that it calls for high expectations of all students.

It is true that it necessitates setting goals and monitoring progress,  
and that communicating with others requires respect.

It is true that if done right, students will go on to do wonderful things.

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This poem was modeled after an excerpt from *The Important Book* by Margaret Wise Brown. Instructional Leaders promote effective teaching and learning styles. This represents that not only in its content and what effective instruction looks like, but also that it is a perfect example of how effective instruction might look different in every classroom. A teacher could use this concept to encourage higher level thinking, to motivate students, or simply to connect with them and develop relationships. "The important thing" is that teachers do their best to reach *all* students.