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I met Janet in the 1990s; we were on the

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same staff together

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Janet was an extraordinary, intelligent,

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compassionate educator, colleague

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teacher of teachers, teacher of children

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years ago I was just starting my career

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as a young, bright-eyed student teacher

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going to UNM, and I needed another place

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to go and fortunately I was placed in

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the classroom of Janet who was a

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kindergarten teacher at Lew Wallace at the

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time so I didn't really realize at the

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time everything that she was providing

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me, but look back now and I'm so

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appreciative at the experiences she

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provided and how she taught me to to

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love early childhood. Janet always did

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above and beyond for them; she would stay

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after, I'd see her doing classes and

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um when I came into the program that's

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when I noticed even more of what she did

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because she left things behind, like so

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they go to school, the parents, and then

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she would stay and she'd have her hours

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with them like that she would help them

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and tutor them, and then if I could be

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even just a little bit of what she was

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that'd be great.

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Can you read the title with me? "The farm

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concert." One more time. "The farm concert." She

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was the most soft-spoken person probably

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that I had ever met but her passion was the

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loudest. She was, she was just a true

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advocate for learning

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she was a true advocate for

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children. In the classroom

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Janet taught not only with her head but

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Janet taught with her heart. She always

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brought the best out in children, in

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their families and in colleagues who

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worked alongside her. She, coming from a

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very strong, spiritual and familial

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background made sure that not only the

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children that she worked with felt safe

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and strong and eager to learn but she

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imparted that knowledge with their with

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their parents with their families, deeply

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believing that family involvement made a

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huge difference in the education of

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young children. Family values and family

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practices and experiences... so one of the

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challenges as teachers is that we need

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to learn how to bring those experiences

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and those values that families have into

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our classroom settings. And I do think

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about what would Janet do in this

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situation and I will continue to fight

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for what's right. I will be a voice for

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children and I will be an advocate for

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my students as well as the children

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because that's why I became an educator,

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I believe in that I believe in

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what's right and so what better way to

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do it than to be an educator - give it

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back to my students and Janet taught me

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that