



## *What is a keeper of the future?*

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A teacher is a keeper only if she/he accepts that responsibility and concentrates on the future, thus reading and reflecting on cause and effect relationships, and continually asking questions about the relevancy and applicability of what he/she is teaching. A keeper is one who makes a concerted effort to stay in touch with reality, and what is going on in the rest of the world, and adapts his/her teaching and curriculum accordingly.

All teachers affect the future to some extent, whether positively or negatively. Keepers are intentionally aware and focused on how what they do will affect children's' abilities to live, work, grow, and flourish in a time to come. The differences can be rather profound as keepers are not just delivering instruction and content, they are continually aware that they have really big responsibilities in how the world is shaped. They accept the "keeper" title with reverence, awareness, and great seriousness.

It is also okay to just to want to be a teacher. But, as we are living in at accelerated pace, the world is beginning to need more keepers, and certainly ones who caring as well as critical and creative thinkers.