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Dr. Jill Biden

The First Lady and professor talks about education, life in the White House, and military families.



1 WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BE AN EDUCATOR?

My grandmother taught at a one-room schoolhouse. It was magical. She was the kind of teacher who made you fall in love with learning. I wanted to do that too.

2 AS A TEACHER, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO KIDS?

Education isn't just about what happens in a classroom! It's a way of looking at the world around us with curiosity. It's about asking questions. There is always something new to discover. Never stop learning!



3 WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE IN THE WHITE HOUSE?

It really is like living in a museum, with art and historic artifacts around every corner. But it's not just a museum, because we live here! Our cat, Willow, comes to work with me in the East Wing, and our dog, Commander, loves running in the garden.

4 YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT MILITARY FAMILIES.

Yes, I do. The Bidens are a military family, and I love meeting the children of our service members. They're regular kids who may face unique challenges, such as changing schools a lot or having a parent who is injured or serving abroad. To help support military families, we started a program called Joining Forces.

5 WHAT CAN KIDS DO TO HELP SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES?

If there are new kids at your school who are part of a military family, try to make them feel welcome. Maybe you can invite them to eat lunch with you. Something as simple as a smile can go a long way toward helping someone who may be feeling lonely or misunderstood. It starts with simple kindness.

