ACTIVITY:
"THE GOOD ONES"

There's no question that Ms. Bixby played a significant role in the lives of many of her students. According to Topher and his friends, she is "one of the good ones."

Use the space below to answer questions A, B and C.

A. What are the five other types of teachers?

B. Describe the opening scene with Rebecca Roudabush and her cooties. How does Ms. Bixby handle the situation? What is it about the way she responds to the situation that speaks to her placement in the Good Ones category?

C. Pretend that you are describing Ms. Bixby to someone who doesn't know her. What would you say? Use examples from the text to support your description.

BIXBYISM

"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be."

TEACHER TRIBUTE

D. Is there a teacher or another influential adult in your life whom you would consider one of the Good Ones? Create a tribute to honor this special someone. The tribute can be an essay, a letter, a piece of artwork, or an oral presentation.

E. Interview your favorite teacher. Sample questions can include:

- What inspired you to be a teacher?
- What is the best part of your job?
- What is the worst part of your job?
- What do you hope to achieve by being a teacher?
- Do you have any heroes?
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- If you could have another job for a day, what would it be?
- What do you want former students to say about you? What impact do you hope you have?

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