

My Philosophy of Education

A teacher is an individual that portrays love for his or her job. They have the ability to control their classroom without having to raise their voice and have a positive attitude. A teacher has the sense of warmth to them that they share with their students each and every day. They have the willingness to listen. They have a never-ending source of creative ideas and have the ability to recognize their students' strengths and weaknesses which enables them to approach a concept that best suits their students' needs.

As long as I can remember, I have always wanted to become a teacher. I believe that the main reason why I wanted to become a teacher is that I have been introduced to many great role models starting at a very young age. These role models were always telling me to follow my dreams and to never give up. My dream is to become a great teacher by portraying the above characteristics and I believe I am certainly achieving this dream based on my diverse teaching experiences. One of my great role models was my first grade teacher, Miss Harris. She was the one that noticed that I was having difficulties in school and decided to test me for a reading disability. I was diagnosed with a learning disability having to do with comprehension and spelling. Miss Harris made herself available for me before and after school to make sure I understood what was happening in class and keep me up to speed with the other students in the classroom.

One of the greatest advantages I have over most teachers is that I know the feeling that students go through when they have difficulties school was not easy for me. I had to work very hard in school. It is especially difficult if a child does not grasp an idea or concept and feels lost causing them to be left behind. I have been there. I know that every child learns at different speeds and connects with material in different ways. Every child has their own strengths and weaknesses. I believe the best way a child learns is by exploring many different aspects of the material and for the teacher to utilize many different teaching approaches. I believe it is important for my students to see the material, touch the material, and hear the material that is being taught to them. With this approach I believe that all my students will achieve and feel like they have a strong grasp of what is being taught to them.

I believe it is important for my students to have a warm and nurturing atmosphere where they feel comfortable and not afraid to express themselves. I want my students to feel comfortable to come to me at anytime, my door is always open. I will support and encourage my students. I want to spark my students' imagination and have them be able to believe in themselves. I promise my students that I will research and be knowledgeable about the subject matter that I will be teaching them. I will try my very best to relate the subject matter to their everyday lives so they know why it is important to learn this material. I believe it is important to teach the material in a fun and creative way that will engage the students in the learning process.

I believe it is important to have not only a relationship with my students but also their parents or guardians. I believe teacher and parent communication is very important. I promise my students' parents that I will keep in constant communication with them about their child's progress and what is happening in the classroom. I will keep in communication with the parents by phone, email, newsletter, and classroom website. I also hope to have a lot of parent involvement in the classroom. I believe it is important for the students to see their parents within the classroom and the parents to see the atmosphere in the classroom.

There are many great jobs in the world today but, I truly believe that teachers have the most important and rewarding job in the world. It is a teacher who can make or break a child. It is a teacher's job to get a child ready not only for the next grade but also to provide them with the knowledge that they will use for the rest of their lives. Education opens the eyes of a child so they can view the world around them.