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### Teaching Language Arts Philosophy

Teaching language arts is exceedingly important for all ages for numerous reasons. For children in kindergarten, these skills can consist of writing letters, identifying their sound, and the ability to read. These concepts should be presented to the students in a variety of ways because teachers need to accommodate the different learning styles. How I would teach a new letter to kindergarteners, for example, is by first showing the students a letter and telling them the name of it. Then I would accompany this by telling them the sound the letter makes. This would be followed by looking at words with the new letter in them, so that the students can see how the letter is applied in real life. Lastly, the students would practice writing the letter so they can apply it to their own writing. These exercises would be repeated numerous times throughout a weeks' time. Throughout the week, the exercises would become more advanced so that their skills and knowledge continue to grow.

Older children should have the foundations of how to make letters and how sentences are structured. Because of this, I would have them read and explore more literature. This is because I would want them to see examples of good literature so that they can use that as a model for their own writing. I would also have them discuss what they have read and express their views and opinions. This would be done in a constructive manner so that no one gets offended. Other ways in which I would have them express themselves is through reflective writing, dramatizations, and art projects. This will cause the students to think about literature in many different ways and show them how literature can apply to their lives.