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My Philosophy

Every teacher has his or her own philosophy and has come up with the teaching style that works best for them. When figuring out my own philosophy I tend to look back to some of my first experiences and what has worked or left an impact on myself. For me this works best because I know what I have liked and disliked in the classroom. For how I will teach and run a classroom will be in the manner I think is the most impactful or helpful to the students.

For the classroom rules I plan to have the children help to form a list that we will then post somewhere for everyone to see in the room. By having the students help make the rules they then in return feel like they should follow these because they came up with the list. For those who break the rules there will be consequences. As a teacher it is my job to follow through with what I believe and not let the students do what every they desire. If I would allow anything to happen they will then in return just walk all over the teacher and not learn the right behavior. If there is mutual respect the rules are more likely to be followed. If the teacher does not follow through with what is said the students will then continue the bad behavior.

For teaching, I believe that examples in real life and seeing what is being learned are key to learning the material. For me when the teacher included different examples or let us practice on our own helped me to remember what was being taught. I also like the idea of teaching the new material then giving time at the end to the students to start the assignment. Then the students can ask the teacher if they get stuck or even work with a small group on the assignment. As a student by helping other students understand a concept helped me to remember the material. In my classroom I will encourage group discussions and at different times to work on activities.

As a teacher it is my job to educate the students and make sure they learn what needs to be met by the state standards. I also want the students to learn to work together and be a team. I think if students learn these skills at a young age it will help them in the future with jobs and a career. Children need to learn how to work with others and know that not everything will go perfect because there will be struggles or hard times. I am not saying I want to make things difficult but I also do not want things to just come easily all of the time. Some students will succeed at somethings while they struggle at others. Those who are more confident in one area will be able to help and encourage those who may struggle a little more in that area. With this as a helping tool in the classroom students will learn to work together and work as a team.

Overall philosophies change all of the time. If one thing does not work I will have to adapt and change to make it better. If I see a way of teaching that looks like it might work for me I could adapt to this way of teaching and make it my own.