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Children of God can set their mind to anything they want, and they can accomplish what they set out to do if they have the proper help along the way. Students need the proper guidance not only in their home, but also when they venture out to school. It is the teacher's job to put the students in the best possible position to succeed. From my own personal learning experience, I believe that students do best when they create and experience things for themselves. This provides strong connections that students can pull from and relate back to.

Teachers not only have one of the hardest jobs, but also one of if not the most important job there is. Teachers are the people who are preparing our young people to go out into the world and make a positive difference. From my own experience, teachers can be some of the most influential individuals in a young person's life. I was lucky enough to have teachers who really cared about the students not only as a student, but as a person also. Those type of teachers influence students to go out and explore, discover new things you may not have ever known to exist. My classroom will be similar, I want my students to have structure, but also the opportunity to be creative and to start to develop who they want to be.

Some of my best memories as a young child took place outside of the classroom. My 4th grade teacher liked to take our science class out to the Prairie Wetlands for lab day. We would go and experiment with organisms in the pond water, prairie land and so forth. Getting out in the

real world and experimenting really stuck with me to this day. I want my future students to have this opportunity to go out and learn outside of the classroom.

The knowledge gained outside of the classroom can also be brought back into the classroom. When students can take educational content and apply it and make connections to the real world, that's when learning becomes easy and sometimes even fun. I know from my own experience that if I didn't think that the material held any weight in the real world that I wouldn't give my best effort. In my future classroom I plan on facilitating the students curiosity to get them going in the right direction.

Educating students is not an easy job, there isn't one way to do it right or wrong. I plan on being a versatile teacher so that I can reach different types of students and their needs. My main objective is to help my students be confident in themselves, and also to help them contribute positively to society. It won't always be easy, but I plan on always being there for my students, and always loving them no matter what may come up.