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### Education Philosophy

Students should be encouraged to learn new things in the classroom. Everyone has something at which they excel in and that should be the main focus for the teacher to help children learn through their individual styles. Then, students should be exposed to different learning styles so that they can learn how to adapt to other styles. Through observing the different learning styles a teacher can be able to identify a student that is struggling. The problem should be addressed immediately so that the student is not left behind in the learning process. I want to create a positive learning experiences in my classroom to keep the children wanting to go to school. To help keep the experience of school positive, an atmosphere where a student can thrive is crucial. Another thing that affects how a student learns can be what is going on in a student's life outside of school. Therefore it is important to be in contact with the families of the students so that if there is a situation at home, the teacher is notified about it. What makes a good teacher is their ability to accommodate the needs of every learner, creating a positive atmosphere in the classroom, and being able to form a relationship with each individual student so that both the student and the teacher can be successful.

I want to teach in an inner city setting. Children in an inner city setting can often experience a variety of different hardships that others may never encounter. I want to be able to show them that even though they may be facing many difficulties, there is always hope for them if they are willing to put forth the effort. Parents of children are not always involved in their child's education. This is not necessarily because they do not care but it could simply be because they are too busy

or do not know how to be involved. I will keep the parents involved with their child's learning by meeting with the parents and talking to them about what they can do to help their child. Parents are ultimately the experts on their child, therefore I will ask them what they would like me to do to better serve their child's needs.

The age group that I would want to teach is preschool to third grade. This is because this age group is experiencing everything for the first time. I will be able to guide them through these experiences so that they will be positive. This will be done by presenting a new concept to them and then talking with the children about what they saw and how they felt. Through this a teacher can learn new things through their students. Then we will discuss how this compares to life outside of school and where they might encounter this concept again. This will also include providing them with hands on activities that consist of this concept. School may be their first time encountering things and forming their opinions without their parents with them. I want to be able to help them form their own opinions without enforcing my opinions on them. This will take place through the books that we read in class together and the lessons that I teach them through school.

The goal for the atmosphere in my classroom will be that it is always positive and upbeat. I want it to be an ideal learning environment for my students. This will happen through the mutual respect between the students and myself. My students will have a say in what happens in their classroom. I want to encourage them to express their thoughts that they have about what is being taught and how it makes them feel. In turn, I hope that the students will respect me. I expect as much respect as I offer to my students. There will also be places around my classroom for children to experience new things and do things that they enjoy. This will be through reading corners, sensory tables, coloring stations, and toys that encourage creativity. Children should be able to

pursue their own individual interests. So along with having those centers, I will ask children what they want me to put in the classroom and do my best to accommodate their interests.

How I conduct my lessons will be through the three learning styles visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. An attempt will be made in my lesson planning to consist of those three learning styles. Students will be able to learn through their own learning style and also be able to attain the knowledge as to how to learn through other learning styles. This makes the students more diverse learners. Some teachers stand in front of their students and lecture them the entire time. Instead, the students will attempt to figure things out on their own or through collaboration with their peers. My teaching style will be to serve more as a guide to students and their learning. If a student is not successfully learning the lessons that I am teaching, I will meet with the students individually and attempt different methods to help the student better understand. Students will also be able to talk to me about how they feel they learn best and I will try to accommodate those needs. There will also be a lot of reading done in my classroom. Books serve as a good resource to experience the outside world and prepare us for it. The class will read out loud together the majority of the time. There also could be times when we try and act out the stories we read as well. The books we read will lead to class discussions so that the students can fully understand what they read and how they can apply it to their lives.

Collaboration with peers will also make up a large portion of my lessons. Most people will complain about group work because of how people interact with one another. I believe this is due to students not being educated on how to do successful group work. Students will be encouraged to play together, work together, and express their thoughts to one another. This is another situation where I will be a guide on the side. Through this I can give students suggestions on what to say to

their peers in order to resolve or enhance a situation. This allows the students gain tools on how to work with one another and practice of how to have successful conversations.

Through the lessons that are taught in my classroom, students will be able to show their strengths and I will help emphasize them. Students will be able to recognize what they are good at and use those skills to learn more concepts. To be a good and effective teacher, I will accommodate the needs of all of my students, which go past the needs of the classroom. Whatever goes on in a student's home lives will have a significant impact in the classroom. Therefore, I will try to have an understanding of all of my student's life outside of school. My main goal for teaching is to provide my students with the tools they need to continue their education and prepare them for the world around them.