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Philosophy Paper

I believe that being a teacher is one of the most important jobs in the universe. A teacher has the power to share so much knowledge and influence so many children that walk through their classroom. My goal is to be the best teacher I can possibly be so that every student that comes through my classroom leaves changed for the better, and full of way more knowledge than they showed up with. Teaching is a huge commitment and I believe that if you truly don't have a heart for it you shouldn't do it. Students are relying on you for so much and as a teacher you are responsible for how they understand, perform, and carry on knowledge to the next grade and for the rest of their life. I plan to give my all as a teacher, even on bad days when the students are out of hand, because that's what they deserve and that's what I have a heart for!

The thing I love about each student that will walk through my classroom is that not one of them is just like another. Each student is different in their own way, and I think that is so beautiful. Because of this I will have to find out how each student learns best and do my best to help them in that way. I also think that students have a lot to learn from each other. So often, I might pair a visual learner with a hands-on learner and let them collaborate. Students are there to learn, but since I have been in their shoes before I know that sometimes learning isn't always fun. So, I want to do my best to make the students want to be at school every day. I want to do fun things with them that help them to love school even more. I view each student as a learning experience for myself. I know there is so much I can teach them, but I also believe there is so much they can teach me.

One thing I have learned and observed is that children can get bored easily, and if they are bored they won't think twice about not listening. In my classroom I want to make each lesson as interesting and engaging as possible. I will design my curriculum around how well I think the students will stay engaged and try to find activities that benefit them and would further their knowledge on the subject. I understand that some subjects I will have to teach might not be as interesting, but my goal is to keep the students interested in always learning more. I also think that a lot of students learn from hands-on activities, so I will try to incorporate those as much as possible. Each student is different in how they learn best so at the beginning of the year I will take time to observe how each student learns and try these different methods of learning in my lessons to benefit each different student. I also will make sure that my instructions are always presented in a clear and understanding way. I have noticed the main times students mess up on assignments is when they didn't listen or didn't understand instructions. So, I will be sure to always state instructions in a way for all to understand! I will have lots of ways I will assess my students. Tests, worksheets, and various activities will be just a few of the ways I plan on assessment in the classroom to see how well the students are learning the things I am teaching. I think assessment is very important, so you can change your methods of teaching if not a lot of the students are seeming to understand the concepts.

Classroom management also plays a huge roll in all of this. At the beginning of the year I will have a list of rules for all the students to follow. Things such as being respectful, keeping your hands to yourself, and raising your hand. I know that sadly there will be times when students don't follow these rules, so I will first off give them a warning and if they proceed to misbehave I will take away recess time or make them do something extra for me. If it continues they will have to go to the office or get a phone call home to a parent. Classroom management is

very important, because if they class isn't under control there is no way anyone will learn anything.

Schools are a huge part of the society! Schools are the way that knowledge is transferred from generation to generation. So, if we fail to educate the students, in some ways we are failing society. At school is where most children will develop social skills that they will use all throughout life to communicate and interact with society. In schools we also enforce discipline and encourage good behavior. I believe that this is a huge benefit to children. At school they learn that they are rewarded or praised for doing good, which will motivate them to do good throughout their whole life. On the flip side of that students also learn that there are consequences for bad behavior and this helps for children to know right from wrong and teach them ways to behave in society. Without schools our society would have a lot more problems and not function as smoothly.

A very important part of being a teacher is communicating with the student's parents and family. A teacher can only do so much to help the students during the day, but the atmosphere at home must be positive and supportive of the child's learning. My goal is to find many ways for families to get involved at school. I plan on sending home weekly newsletters and just informing parents on what is happening at school. I will also include some extra activities for the student to complete with their family if they want to. This will encourage parents to be familiar with what their child is learning and support that. Whenever we have special events at school I will send out emails or send home notes to all parents inviting them to our classroom parties or field trips so that they can be involved at the school and their child's learning experience.

Being a teacher is something that has always been my dream. I think that it is so special to be able to teach and impact children. This job is very important and plays a huge role in our

world today. I cannot wait to be in the classroom teaching students and watching them learn.

Being able to watch how students learn and expand their knowledge will be one of my favorite things! I am looking forward to seeing how I can impact children's lives, but more than that I am looking forward to seeing how they impact mine!