

As a teacher, I have many ideas of how I want to teach and educate children in my classroom. I believe that schools are meant to teach children the value of an education and how successful each child can be. I believe that school should encourage a desire to learn and the satisfaction of accomplishment. Teachers should be open-minded, flexible, and conducive to the needs of students. Students should see the passion that their teacher has for them and for their education. They should feel confident that their teacher cares for them. I believe that children will not be able to learn and be educated well until they understand the importance of it.

I believe that education is the foundation for everyone. Education helps us be knowledgeable, disciplined adults who are beneficial to those around us. I believe that all children should be taught the value of learning, because everyone continues to learn throughout their entire life. I want to teach early elementary, kindergarten or first grade. I want to teach them the very basics of learning and about our world. I want to instill in them the desire for accomplishment and the value that learning plays throughout our lives. I want to create hands-on activities that make learning fun for them. I want to be a part of the beginning of their education, so that I can ensure my students have a solid foundation from which they can build on.

I believe that all students should be treated with respect and given the same opportunities, no matter their background or appearance. Teachers should be able to respond to the needs of a particular student. Teachers should not focus on the outside appearance of the child, but rather the inside. Each child has a desire to learn and a view of success; it is the teachers job to find and encourage it. Teachers should not be blind to the needs of students, especially those from low SES families, but rather, seek to eliminate the preconceived barriers from the students,

classmates, and herself, so that the student can thrive in education. Children should be encouraged by their teacher to do their best and thrive in a sense of accomplishment. Teachers should not teach or treat a student different than other students solely based on their outward appearance. Teachers should always look inward and try to bring out the positive attributes of a child. As a teacher, I want to include all of my students and their parents in the classroom. I believe that to be an effective communicator with my students and their parents, I need to be willing to accommodate any hindering needs, because I am asking them to accommodate me and my classroom.

I believe that children should be allowed to be children, especially in the classroom. Teachers should be flexible and understanding of the age of their students. They should not expect the children to be robots and follow every direction perfectly, every time. They should challenge students to increase their knowledge and abilities, but they shouldn't be expected to learn as the teacher does. They should be given grace when they mess up. Teachers should not respond solely to the small mistakes, but rather, encourage the positive. Children need freedom, just as everyone else does. Children do not need harsh criticism or pressure for perfection. Teachers should not be a dictator in their classroom, because some children might not feel safe or able to learn under a harsh teacher. Teachers should create an environment where all students are able to learn and model desired behavior.

Children should be exposed to a variety of different teaching methods and philosophies. I believe realizing that the needs of their students should far outweigh how close I stick to my planned schedule. If a child is struggling, I want to accommodate to their learning styles. I want to include many diverse topics to help educate my students. Children should be graded based on a variety of ways. If a child does not perform well in a particular area, their grade and

intelligence should not be solely judged on the area they struggle in. Students should be given multiple ways to learn and engage in class. Young children need more hands-on activities to be able to understand the topic.

I believe that the basic needs of a child must be met before they can learn. Responding, with compassion, to the needs of a child, especially the needs that could hinder their ability to learn. If a student has not had their basic needs properly met, they cannot focus on their school work because their personal needs outweigh their education. The burden of these needs should be alleviated in order for the student to be successful in the classroom. Meeting those basic needs not only includes, food, housing, and clothing, but also emotional needs. Children need to feel love, encouragement, and security from an authority figure. If they do not feel these things from home, I want my classroom to feel safe for them. Exemplifying emotionally harmful characteristics to students could hinder their desire for success and education. I want my classroom to foster a secure, loving, and respectful environment so that students will feel comfortable enough to learn during their time at school. A classroom where all outside influences will be diminished.

As a teacher, I believe that students should be encouraged, respected, and equally loved. I want to portray to students the passion for learning, and encourage them to challenge themselves. I want students to be evaluated based on their true character and I want to bring out their desire for accomplishment in education. I do not want to judge my students based on their external appearance, but what is on the inside. I believe that every child can be successful and that teachers should work to discover it in each of their students. I want my future students to know I care about them and they can rely on me. I want to create lessons that are conducive to my students' needs. I want my students to feel that they belong in my classroom. I want to

foster a desire for learning, in a variety of ways, and leave my students feeling loved and successful.