

Learning and development go hand in hand in how children will retain and understand the materials in the classroom. It's very important, as a teacher, to really take the time and explain certain materials to students. Learning is a process that expands knowledge. We are constantly learning new things in our everyday lives, in fact, we can learn from almost anything! As a future teacher, it is my job to help children learn and apply the materials that I will teach in class. As a teacher, I will strive to help my students learn new tools in a way that works best for them. Learning is the first step to understanding new concepts, but development puts it into perspective. Development is taking the material and mastering the skills to turn them into everyday habits. Throughout my school years as a teacher, I will be teaching my students the basic learning skills they need to succeed. Students can learn the materials no problem, but until they apply it to life, they will not develop. It is my job to help them learn and understand the materials first, in hopes of them applying it to work later on in their lives. Until children get into a habit of doing the new skill they learned, they will not develop.

In lower grades, children begin to realize how they process information and apply what they learn. They will understand that there are different ways to do certain things and that some students might be better at applying the information. The classroom might be a new atmosphere for children, so some could easily get overwhelmed, while some may make friends and adjust with no problem. Children also respond to criticism differently and have different ways of dealing with situations. I will strive to enforce a very positive classroom so that my students can have the best learning environment possible. I plan to have my students work in groups so that they get to improve and grow in their communication skills with one another. I think that this will help students feel more comfortable and at ease, which can benefit their learning experience. Getting to really know my students would be most beneficial so that I can be aware of how

he/she may learn certain materials, this way I can explain to each student certain things so he/she will understand it best. I know that children react to situations differently, so it will be crucial to create the best atmosphere possible for them. I think it will be important to use positive words and positive activities so that I can make the environment a happy classroom to be in.

Individual differences are most common in school. Children are learning new skills and react to the materials in different ways. Each child is unique in their own way and each child will respond to situations differently. Individual differences can be in gender, size, race disabilities, past experiences, and many others. These individual differences can affect students in the classroom and alter how they retain information. It is my responsibility, as a future educator, to recognize my students' individual differences and teach them in a way that they will best understand. In my opinion, it would be a good idea to group students together who have the same struggles, in hopes of them being able to help one another and not feel left out. I want my students to feel comfortable in my classroom. There is nothing worse than having a negative learning environment where a student feels out of place. A negative classroom will only degrade a student and will not help them develop as the year goes on. Creating an environment where a child feels confident is what I will strive for as a teacher. I don't want my students to feel different, no matter what their own individual difference is. Creating groups based on learning styles of my students will be beneficial to them. The students recollect information the same way; therefore, they don't feel out of place or different.

Teaching is a huge responsibility and should not be taken lightly. As a teacher, I hope to be a positive influence on the students I teach. I want to be somebody my students can look up to. I want my students to be able to reach their full potential in everything that they do, more importantly, to believe and have confidence in themselves. As a future educator, it is not only

vital to ensure that students receive a proper education, it's equally imperative to teach them other skills that will stay with them their entire life. As a future teacher, I know that everything I do will have an effect on the ones I teach, something that I will take seriously as an educator. Teaching will have its struggles and frustrations, but I believe that children need teachers who are dedicated, no matter what.