Philosophy of Education

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I believe every child is different in their own ways. Whether it is their overall appearance to their preferred learning style, every child needs an adult figure to have as a role model. Being an educator, allows me to be that role model to children that may or may not be my student. My philosophy of education is that every child has a right to learn and grow no matter where they are. I feel as if all children should be challenged, encouraged, and supported throughout their educational career path. As an educator, I hope to be a role model for my students while helping them reach their highest potential.

Ever since I was a child, I always saw myself as becoming a teacher one day. That day is fast approaching which means my dream will have eventually come true. I absolutely love teaching young children and have always had a passion to work with them while watching them grow. Personally, I feel as if every classroom is to have a positive environment to create enjoyable experiences in learning that children will love especially in Kindergarten. I hope to do what is possible to strengthen my philosophy on education throughout my time of being a teacher as I gain better knowledge to impact my students. I prefer my philosophy over others and plan to incorporate my concepts throughout my teaching experience.

Kindergarten is the most important year in a child's education considering that it is the foundation of their career. My objective is to be able to challenge my students in the planned daily lessons. I believe this will help students gain better knowledge that they will later use in the future. When presenting new concepts during daily lessons, I will be sure to use multiple different learning styles for my class allowing them to be challenged. When mentioning unknown topics to my students will, also, let them learn about new material they might not have learned yet. Quizzes are ideal in a kindergarten classroom to get a complete grasp on what students have learned and if they gained knowledge in the topic. By challenging young children,

will then make them feel like they are capable and successful once they have a full understanding on what is being taught to them.

Encouragement is a necessary factor in young grade levels in which helps the student grow as an individual. As an educator to my students, I will encourage them to each know they have a sense of belonging in my classroom. I will guide my students and make sure they know that it is acceptable to have their own opinion and point of view. Encouraging their personal opinions and views will make the students feel they are worthy. In my classroom, I will most definitely encourage equality. This will then allow each and every one of my students feel that no one is better than them. Having equality in a classroom is important considering all students may have a different appearance but overall have the same amount of knowledge. Also, I will strive to encourage my students to become leaders in and outside of the classroom. This will then make each student have a sense of pride. Lastly, I wish my students will be encouraged throughout their entire educational career and knowing that they can believe in themselves.

Children all need support no matter the age they may be. Considering I will be their first teacher, most of the time, means they will most likely remember the impact I left on them. By supporting a child allows them to know that they can trust and depend on you being their role model. Students will, also, have a sense of satisfaction knowing their teacher supports their individual beliefs and/or values. Being an educator can impact the lives of children greatly due to us being a guide for them through their educational path. Supporting my students and praising them when good acts are done can lead them to individually grow emotionally as well as mentally. This can be accomplished only if the teacher, I, is willing to give continual support to a child's plans and/or ideas they might come up with.

The environment of a classroom no matter the grade level should be designed to make the students want to learn. It is crucial in Kindergarten especially to be able to create a strong learning environment that surrounds the children. I feel as if a classroom should include neutral colors with accents of a few bright colors that will create a balance in a child's mind when focusing on tasks and/or concepts. By having a classroom feel safe, can make children learn and grow knowing they are able to perform without judgement. I wish to have a fun and enjoyable classroom where my students are able to succeed while gaining better knowledge in all subjects.

Personally, I hope for the best in every student in the school whether they are in my classroom or not. Being able to have the want to work with and watch children develop emotionally, intellectually, mentally, and physically is why I continue to pursue my career in teaching. Considering I have always had a passion with being around children, I am excited to impact and nurture those who will be future students to me.