

My Educational Philosophy

As a teacher, I want to teach children that education is about more than knowing your facts. It is about gaining the knowledge that those before us have left behind for us to prepare us for our own future and teach them how to think about it with the knowledge I and their other teachers will impart on them. It's not just learning the facts to pass the test but knowing how it ties into our everyday lives.

I believe every student can learn. The trick is finding how best to teach each child because not every child learns at the same pace. You have to be able to see where the child has trouble and know how to help them. If the child seems to take an interest in the subject, I will help them learn more if they want to on their own time. I want to foster an interest in learning more than just what is needed to create a life long thirst for knowledge in children. I want them to want to be there.

I want the child to want to come to class. I want to make it a welcome environment. I know for some children school may be the only place they have a constant. I want the children to know that my classroom is not just a place to learn but a safe place. If they have any problems, I want them to know that they can't tell me, whether it has to do with class or other problems. I don't want them to see me as a friend, just someone they know they can talk to if need be.

I will measure the children's progress not just through testing, but through smaller quizzes leading up to the test. That way I can gauge their knowledge before the "big" tests to see if I need to better cover part of the stuff we have gone over. I will also try to lead them in discussions to help them better understand it. If they hear it coming from another student in their own words it may help them better understand the subject matter. As often as I can, I will try to have the class engage in open discussion as I steer the subject of the discussion to what needs to be covered.

Throughout my life, I have seen teachers and been around teachers and will use the knowledge I have learned from them and put it together with what I am learning in college. I have 3 aunts that are teachers, my mother is a teacher, and numerous cousins who are teachers, and now it is my turn to shape today's children for tomorrow's future.