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Philosophy Paper

I believe good education is very important and that it starts with not only a good teacher, but with the community, the staff, and the school, all working together. The school plays a huge role in society, a school should be many things for a student. A school should be a safe place, a comfortable and enjoyable environment, a place to make friends, a place where students can consistently learn and grow. The physical environment of the school and classrooms actually have an effect on students I think this is something to be aware of as a teacher. Students should feel safe and loved at school, something very important for students to be able to learn is to have a good learning environment. Schools are a key asset in furthering the knowledge and understanding of children and from a young age. A school is helpful in the process of students identifying their interests and abilities. Community engagement and support is very helpful in the success of a school. A school should teach students a sense of community, full of different cultures and caring people who learn to support each other. This should be a place where students are encouraged and supported to set goals for themselves.

The students are the reason I even want to be a teacher, to get an opportunity to help students. The students we teach will be the future, it is our job to help them prepare for that. It is more than just giving them a list of things to memorize, we should be helping the students learn life lessons. I have watched students grow and adapt over time and it is remarkable to see the growth a student can make in just a few short years. I am so excited to be apart of that, I know it wont be just me changing the lives of students it will be the students changing my life. Students will be hard to teach sometimes, I know that, but I also know there will be many rewarding times as well. The students are going to be funny, serious, emotional, sensitive, nice, and sometimes

mean. They generally want to learn though, and if they don't it's my job to help them get to that point.

I believe teaching is one of the most important, difficult, and yet rewarding jobs there is. As teachers we build and develop the future generations. Everyone at some point in their lives have been taught by a teacher. I believe it is important for a teacher to never give up on a student and to teach them to never give up on themselves. Teachers have the ability to shape the minds and futures of many students. This is done at many different stages throughout a student's life in school. I want to be a kindergarten teacher, I know this will be very challenging at times, I also know it will be a very rewarding time. Students usually learn so much in their first year of kindergarten, they absorb so much information. As a kindergarten teacher I will be introducing young minds to the wonders of learning, that is so exciting to me. I will be teaching the students basic tools for learning that they will use their entire lives. Over time students' lives will be effected in some way by teachers, my goal is to make a positive difference. As a teacher it is my job to show compassion for all of my students and to help them achieve their goals and reach a higher level.

Classroom management is very important I have learned this even more from the observations I have done. It is crucial to have a good balance between making class fun and having the students respect and listen to you. It is important to have a good game plan going in to be able to set rules and guidelines in a classroom. From the observations I have done I have been able to get an idea of some things I would do and some things I wouldn't do. I believe when teaching students there are going to be many times when there will be issues. I feel it is important to address those issues promptly with immediate feedback or consequence. I will respect my students and will expect respect from them. I will be fair and consistent in managing

the classroom behaviors. The curriculum in my classroom will include structured learning activities that will help students with problem solving drawn from personal experiences and real-world applications. Assessment is important to assist a students learning to be able to give them many opportunities to practice and strengthen their skills and get feedback. I look forward to being able to continually grow through the experiences of teaching a class. I know I will have a clearer understanding of the design and management after being in a classroom and getting to teach.

Families being involved in the students education is very important to me. A students needs my help at school but I cant go home with my students, that is why it is very important for families to be involved. I would love to do many things to get families involved I know this will sometimes be a difficult task, but I will continue to have family involvement activities. I will set up many ways of communication for parents to see what ways work best for most. When planing any type of classroom party or activity I will send home letters asking for volunteers and I will welcome the help. It is important for families to get involved in field trips too, I'm sure that is sometimes hard for a teacher to handle. I plan on have a folder for each student that I will send home everyday with their home work and a note to their parents updating them on their child. I will have an area for the guardian to sign and send it back, I will also include an area for notes or questions. Research has shown that family involvement helps students to improve their grades, test scores, and behavior. I want the very best for my students and I would love to get their family involved in their education, these are just a few of the ways I would try to do that. I am so excited about teaching I cant wait to be able to help my students grow and achieve their goals. I know this job will change my life, I know the students will change my life. I cant wait to see them progress over time and eventually graduate and pursue their dreams.

