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Educational Philosophy

I believe the purpose of education is to prepare children for life, work, and to be good citizens. Students in school are preparing for life in many different ways. One of the most significant lessons for students to learn is time management skills. Kids have to be on time for school and learn how to turn in assignments on time or there will be consequences. One day, students will have jobs that require them to be on time as well. Another purpose of education is to teach students how to be good citizens. A good citizen is someone who takes pride in and contributes to their community. A great start to being a good citizen is to for students to get a good education. This will allow them to be contributing members of society.

I believe children learn best when they are in an environment that promotes learning. Features of a good learning environment could be sound, light, and even temperature of the classroom. Features that support a good learning environment could also be the design of the school. The design of the school could be posters on the walls that motivate the students to learn better. Another critical factor for a child to learn best is the proper amount of sleep and the right amount of food. These help with a child's learning, both physically and mentally.

The curriculum of any classroom should include certain "basics" that contribute to children's social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development. To help improve a child's social skills in my class, I would have the students participate in group work. If a child is having

a difficult time with their work, as a teacher, I would provide them with words of encouragement. A teacher can also challenge a student intellectually by giving them more challenging tasks when she sees that a child is more advanced. To encourage physical development, I would make sure my students have time to be both active and interactive.

All children have individual needs that must be met if they are to grow and learn and be their best. Some of these basic needs are motivation, personal goals, and social support. As a teacher, I would meet the needs of motivating my children by encouraging each student to do their best work. Expecting excellence out of each of my students and rewarding them for this is another way to motivate students. Testing students academic ability and encouraging them to make a personal goal to improve their results is another way to help them grow and learn. Another basic need is social support. This can come from the teacher or even other students in the classroom. Students need constant social support in order for them to be aware that there is someone there to help them when they are having trouble.

All teachers should have certain qualities that enable their students to perform at their best. Qualities that I think are essential for teaching are to have patience and care about each student. Patience is a quality every teacher needs. Sometimes students don't understand the learning material the first time, so you may have to work with them individually. The classroom environment can also be chaotic at times, but as teachers, we must remember to be patient and maintain control of our class. Another excellent quality all teachers should have is to care about each student. Some children don't have a good home life, and teachers are their biggest supporters, that is why it is essential for teachers to get to know each student. Teachers should also care about each student's grades. That includes students who are struggling and need extra

one-on-one time and students who are more advanced and require more challenging work. A good teacher should know each child's strengths and weaknesses.

In conclusion, teachers play a huge role in the education of a child. They help students develop skill sets that will benefit them for the rest of their life. They help provide social, emotional, intellectual, and physical developments for students. They know when to provide more help for students that are struggling and when to challenge a more advanced student. To put it more simply, teachers are a student's biggest advocate.