

Throughout my years of schooling, I have learned what type of teacher I strive to be. Many of my teachers have shown me amazing qualities, while other teachers have shown me what not to be. I have had many teachers who have shown me what it's like to be the ideal educator, while also turning into one of my best friends. These same teachers, are the ones who have inspired me to pursue education. As said before, they have shown me how to be a successful teacher, allowing me to think and create my own thoughts on teaching habits/classroom settings.

Why is education important?

More times often than not, education comes with success. I feel that education plays a major role in society, by allowing people to create businesses, hold better jobs, and overall bettering the society. When a person attends school, they are widening their knowledge, which will help them be successful in the future. I also believe that education will help better a student as a person. Living in the United States, we are privileged to all have the opportunity to attend school. In other countries, people fight for their right to attend school. It is important for us all to have an education.

How do I view a student?

To me, every student is equal. Each student comes from a different background and holds qualities that make them unique in their own way. There are many students who perform slower than other students, but that doesn't make them any different. I will view each student perfect in their own way. I have seen teachers treat students differently than other students, and have witnessed the effects it had on them. Treating students differently, often lessens the students' confidence and motivation in school.

How do I view the role as a teacher?

I would like to consider myself a students' "school mom". As I stated previously, each student comes from a different background. There will be many students coming from an unhealthy home life. As educators, I believe that it is important to show each student with love and care, because they may not receive this at home. I will treat each student the same. If there is a student who is slow to learn what I am teaching, I will not call that student out. I will be mindful of their feelings, and try and work one on one with them until they understand. It is also important to remain mindful, respectful, and caring towards a student. I plan to have a professional relationship with each student. I think that it is important to know each of your students, making them feel heard and helping you (as an educator) know their ways of learning.

How will I run my classroom?

My classroom will remain a safe environment to each and every student. Each student will have respect for one another. I will make learning fun for the students. It is important to keep the students' attention while teaching, so that they will fully understand what is being taught. I have learned personally, that when a teacher is enthusiastic about what they are teaching, it helps you learn better. I plan to go out of my way to make sure each student is on the same page, ensuring no one is left behind. It is important to remain patient with students, but if they are being disruptive, there will be consequences. I will try to focus more on motivating the students and rewarding them for good behavior, rather than punishing them for bad behavior.

Keeping families involved in students' education...

I think that keeping families involved, is a key factor to a students' success in education. I like the idea of take home assignments that are for both the students and parents/caregivers.

These assignments may be the only time a parent will spend time with their child, or give them attention. I believe that working together, will bring them together. In one of my elementary classes, I was required to do an “All About Me” poster. This had to include pictures of me, my family, and things I loved. I love this idea and plan to use it, when I become a teacher. Along with having a relationship with each student, I will also strive to have one with the families. It is important that they know me and how I plan to teach their children. I will also keep them involved, by sending home weekly (or monthly) update letters. Thus, allowing the families to stay up to date in the classroom.

There are many goals I hope to achieve as an educator. I hope that I can be an inspiring teacher, as well as a friend to each student. You never know what kind of impact you will make on a student, so it is key to be the best you can be. I thank all of my teachers over the years, that have shaped me into the teacher I hope to be in the future.