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Philosophy of Education

I believe in every child, and that no child should be left behind. Every child should feel loved and safe. The role of a teacher is to not only use classroom instruction properly but also have relationships with their students. I want to help children see their worth no matter what their background is. Each and every child is different, but every one of them has potential and every one of them will matter to me.

Many people view school as a negative place, and this is why I feel it is so important for teachers to make the classroom a positive and safe learning environment. There are a lot of children out there that come to school and feel like it provides them with a safe-haven from their home lives. I feel that if children fall in love with learning at an early age then there is a higher chance of them loving school throughout their time as they grow older. This is where personal relationships come into play. The classroom as a whole is full of students from many different backgrounds, which provides lots of diversity. As an educator I value this and want to value the diversity that is seen throughout the classroom. There are children that may not see their worth, and there are also children that come into school early with no relevant background knowledge. I believe that students should know their worth and potential.

Every child has different emotions, feelings, and attitudes. How a student chooses to express themselves can show how they work and engage in a classroom. Every child is unique, whether its their personality, gender, religion, etc. There can be so many things that factor into how each child is different. Each child is raised differently depending on their economical or social backgrounds. With every child being different, it means that they all have a different way

of learning. I believe the phrase “treat every child equally” is sometimes misinterpreted and misused. The phrase doesn’t mean to teach every child the same exact way. To me it means to teach every individual child in a way that best fits them. As a future educator to young children, it is important to make sure they are taught correctly and receive the knowledge to the best of their ability. Every student should be learning, if one student is not learning or is left out then it becomes one too many, because the ultimate goal is for every single child to learn in the best way that they can.

Earlier I stated how relationships are important. To me, one-on-one time is important, especially beginning with younger children. I feel that one-on-one time is very vital for learning and beginning the process the right way with children. Most children can’t learn from someone they don’t like which is why I want to find a “happy medium” way to be approachable, but still firm when I need to be. Not only can this one-on-one time present the content in a way that helps the child understand it better, but it also simply just shows that you care. Family involvement is very important to me as a future educator, and showing families that you care for their child can help each day as well as later on in life. Children notice when a teacher is interested and caring about their life, which can push the child to do better in school.

Overall, a classroom is made up of individuals with unique qualities and character. Educators must be mindful of everything about a student at all times. I think it is important for educators to not only focus on the present, but also the future of the children they are teaching and interacting with each day. Taking time to focus on everything early can really have a positive impact on the way a child starts their school life, and the goal is for them ultimately carry this positive impact with them all throughout school and learn to the best of their ability.