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Educational Philosophy

I believe that children are our future, and education is the foundation on which each child's success is built. I want each of my students to experience academic and personal growth throughout the school year. I believe that every student's learning style is different from the next. I feel that it is my responsibility as a teacher to encourage my students to learn through various techniques, personal motivation, and a positive and engaging classroom.

As a teacher, I will try to enrich the minds of my students by helping them understand the importance of education. I want my students to have a positive outlook on education and life. I feel that this can be achieved by my students' ability to see my love for teaching and learning through my actions and enthusiasm for education. A few ways I will demonstrate my love of learning in my classroom will be by encouraging them to be creative through various manipulatives, by sharing with them what I have learned, and allowing them to share with me what they have learned. I will also teach them to spread their learning outside of the classroom. I hope that my passion for learning will have a positive impact on my students and that it will encourage them to continue to be motivated to learn and succeed.

I will use cooperative learning and various other learning techniques in my classroom. I believe that using cooperative learning helps promote social skills and teaches them how to work with others which will help them to become better citizens in the future. I will also use problem-solving and critical thinking techniques along with other hands-on activities to promote their ability to reason and make informed decisions.

Through classroom organization and management I will create a positive classroom environment where my students feel free to participate in open discussions and to provide feedback without fear of being judged or bullied by other classmates. I want each of my students to build a sense of respect for each other. Positive behavior strategies will be maintained in my classroom by being a good role model as the teacher, giving clear instructions and expectations, and by redirection. It is very important to me to have an open and positive communication with my students, parents, administrators, and fellow teachers.

Each student has their own learning style and I feel that as a teacher it is my responsibility to know how each of my students learn. Testing, observation, and assignments will be some of the ways I will evaluate my students. By knowing my students on an individual basis I will be able to monitor and adjust my teaching methods to help ensure each of them meet their full potential.

It is my desire that each of my students leave my classroom a better student academically and personally with a sense of self worth, confidence and an eagerness to continue to learn.