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Philosophy of Education

Besides home, school should be the second safest place for children. Third grade is the most prominent school age for students. This is the age where students are becoming more independent. Students are old enough to tell you what they want or need but are still sweet and innocent. As a future third grade teacher, I want to be able to help students develop in the best way they possibly can.

The role of school in society is very important. It is essential for students to get an education to one day live independently in the world. School serves not only as an educational ground, but a learning ground for many students. Students learn social skills, a daily routine, and self-expression. At the third-grade level, every student wants everyone to be their friend. These students develop social skills to independently make friends. Going to school every day helps students create a daily routine. This will create a system of balance and structure in their life. As the child furthers into their academic career, they will learn how to express themselves.

Every child is different. As a teacher, every student should be treated fairly, but every student needs to be treated differently. What works for one student, might not work for the next student. A student's role in his or her education is solely up to that child. Educators cannot force a student to learn or pay attention in the classroom. As an educator, teachers must provide the necessary tools to enrich students to be successful for the following academic year. Using necessary tools such as worksheets, PowerPoints, and videos will assure that students are prepared to assume the role of being the best student they can possibly be.

Teachers are like an engine on a car. Without an engine the car will sit still in one place without any growth. If teachers do not play their role in a student's academic career, the student

will stay in one place and never grow. Often teachers are not just educators, they are second mothers, and mentors. In a Ted Talk, Rita Pearson stated, "Every student needs a champion." Pearson goes on to explain that in some cases, educators are student's biggest motivator. With the proper example and environment led on in the classroom, students will strive to be the best student they can be. Students will view learning as fun leading to teachers having an engaged classroom. Every day, the world is evolving into a diverse world. The primary responsibility for teachers is to make that diverse student not feel diverse. The teacher should treat the child the way they would any other student. Teachers also have to make the student feel welcomed and that they are able to embrace their culture in the classroom. Students should be exposed and educated on culture differences.

As a future educator, I want my curriculum to be educational and fun at the same time. I want my students to be eager to learn and hungry for more. My curriculum will be mixed with the three different ways humans to learn. There will be PowerPoints for the students who learn visually. I will be explaining the lesson for the students who learn auditorily. There will also be worksheets and games for the students who learn in a tactile way. The rules and expectations of the class will be announced on the first day of school. I will also have posters on display for students to review the daily expectations of the classroom throughout the academic year. While observing at Greene County Tech Elementary school, I learned a lot about classroom management. In Mrs. Hurts class, I liked the way she gave the students independence. I want my students to be able to utilize the tools they need but still be engaged in the lesson while I am teaching.

Diversity in the classroom is increasing each year. By being an African American, I know what it feels like to be excluded from a group or have judgement placed on you before being

know. A lot of the time, parents of a diverse child does not receive the information that a Caucasian child would. In my classroom, I want to ensure that the diverse families fully understand my expectations of the classroom. I believe that students should be introduced to the different cultures around the world. In my classroom, I want to have parents of a diverse child come and talk about their culture.

Overall, I want my classroom to be a safe, educational and fun place for students to learn. Every year, I want to become a better educator than the previous year. I want my students to be prepared for the next year and have the tools to be successful. Educators are the ones who teach students to become doctors, lawyers and future educators. Therefore, I strive to provide the best education for each and every student.