

Malcom Forbes once said, "Failure is success if we learn from it."

My name is Madison Martin. I am from Dyersburg, Tennessee. Though I am from there, I have lived in Arkansas for the last 8 years or so. I have lived in two different states and I love the idea of living in a third one when I get to that portion of my life, whenever it may be. I am really open to living and teaching anywhere in the country or even out if the opportunity comes my way. I love taking risks and doing things out of the ordinary.

I aspire to change the future of students through my classroom. It is a goal of mine for my students to walk into my classroom on the first day of class a different version of themselves then when they walk out on the last day of the year, they are the best version then have ever been. I will teach students the things they need to know on top of things that matter just as much as an education and curriculum. Things like respect, confidence, and loyalty. These things are just as important to learn, especially at a young age. Starting these things in young children will most likely carry into their later ages.

It is important to have an education and to be where they need to be, but it is also important to teach certain skills and to build certain positive mindsets. Students must feel empowered to be the best they can and in my classroom, they will do exactly that with the level of encouragement and reassurance they will be able to receive in my classroom.

If you go out somewhere, literally anywhere, you will see some sort of technology. Technology it basically running the world we live in now days. I was just at a restaurant last night and there were these things on the table that you could pay at. It was very convenient because of how busy it was. We were able to just pay and go. This is what we live in nowadays and we are only getting more and more of it every day, so we might as well just used to it and make the proper adjustments to our lives. I will use technology in my classroom to a certain extent. I think there comes a point in time that it can become too much. I don't think there is anything wrong with just a little bit of old-fashioned learning occurring in the classroom but, I will say, there are many, many advancements in technology for classrooms that I just cannot pass up. The smart boards, for example, are great for any grade level. They can serve any purpose you may need depending on the lesson. I will most likely use technology and internet services for majority of the homework's that I will assign to my students. It will save paper and it makes it so much more convenient for my students.

As far as using technology for my professional development, I already have a website and many different components to it that have the ability to make me stand out among other applicants. I would like to say that I think I am very, very proficient with technology and the internet. This is such an important characteristic to have as an educator. It makes you kind of flexible when it comes to different tasks and techniques.

Another thing I want to make my students more aware of in my classroom is diversity. There are so many differences in us all. Whether it be from skin color, origin, first language, what we wear, family traditions, etc. We are all different mentally and spreading this awareness, I feel

like, will make students more aware of how they treat others. Everyone knows this quote, but I always like to say it anyways. "Treat others how you want to be treated." It was because of all my schoolteachers in my early years that I remember this quote to this day. It was always a main focus in the classrooms that I was in. It consistently in the back of my mind and I want it to be the same for my students.

Ending Quote: "We learn from failure, not from success." -Bran Stoker

If you think about it, this is 100% true. Every time we fail, we normally want to quit, but it is that fight that makes it almost impossible to give up. Persevering and pushing through teaches us to grow from where we are and to achieve excellence when we thought we couldn't anymore. It is my job to create the desire to win this fight with my students and this is exactly what I will do.