Madison Shoukletovich Philosophy of Education

As a future teacher of the third grade, I hope to accomplish many achievements with my classroom full of 8 and 9-year-old students. The set of beliefs and values that I have built over years of experience are ones that will push my students to be the best they can be all the while pushing me to be the best teacher I can be. Those set of values and beliefs hold many different aspects as to what effective education really means. Effective education begins in the school where the child is first introduced to a classroom setting. The school's role in society is to provide the students with a broad range of knowledge in order to help them function both effectively and successfully in life. Since the school is where students are first introduced to a formal education setting it brings about the actual purposes of education. These purposes are to teach students valuable life lessons, expand their intelligence, and build on their character in order for them to be valuable members of society. Education begins in the school and when a school accepts students for who they truly are, then it creates an environment for all students to do the same and that is when we know that a school is serving all students well.

In a classroom full of whiteboards, desks, chairs, bulletin boards, lockers, etc.; the student is the most valuable. If you take all of the other variables out of the equation as to what makes a classroom and you are just left with the student, then it will still be a classroom. That student and their success is what so many teachers like myself will spend much time trying to ensure. The student's role in his/her education plays a big part in terms of whether or not they succeed. This is a big role for the student to play during the third grade, so as a teacher I plan to create a learning environment that is positive, accepting, and stimulating. If all three of those are part of my classroom, then that will better prepare my students to assume their role.

As I am the teacher, I view the role of the teacher as someone that students can confide in and learn from in many ways. I will have a positive attitude that will encourage the students to do the same and as a result will create a positive learning environment. This positive learning environment is part of what will help students fill their role in the education process. My high level of responsibility as the teacher is important when it comes to a society that values diversity. It will be not only my responsibility, but my honor to ensure that all students are treated equally and receive the education they deserve.

Since I will fill the role as the teacher there are a few aspects that I have taken into consideration to account for the diverse population of students that I will have in my classroom. My curriculum will target what the students need to know in order to follow through with any given assessment. In order to prepare my students for these assessments, my instruction will focus on the needs of all students whether they are struggling with the material or soaring through it. There are various types of assessments that I plan to use in my classroom which will include group work, creative writing, and small quizzes to ensure comprehension. My classroom management will entail a group wide achievement system that praises working together and accomplishing tasks as a team rather than individually.

Before students entered the school system they spent days with their families and as a result they are a big part of these students' lives. With that being said, I plan to involve families as much as I can in the education of their children. I will provide them with ways they can help their child further their knowledge in all subjects by giving them study tips they can use at home. I will also send home a weekly newsletter that informs the parents of any homework, quizzes, or tests that are coming up. Involving families in the education of their children creates a more stable and supportive environment that will create success in the classroom.