

Malcom X once said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." This quote is very important because it is so true. When applying this quote to children, they are the future. John F. Kennedy also said, "Children are the living messages we send to a time that we will not see." The children we see everyday are going to be our future doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, maybe even president.

When teaching you must be considerate of everything and everyone and try your best to get the information out there and into their minds. Children need someone who is caring, understanding, and knowledgeable. The energy you give off, the children will feed off of that; especially being a teacher. If your students see that you have no motivation or enthusiasm when teaching or speaking, they will go off your energy and that is not good for the student. I would like to teach Pre-K through 2nd grade; as an educator for those students I would like to make a big impact on their lives and their education. I want my class to be fun and for the children to be excited to come to my class and be ready to learn. Three ways I plan to accomplish my goal is by establishing a good relationship with both the parents and students, allowing my students to learn by critical thinking; by letting them express themselves and be as creative as they want and knowing that is okay. To establish a good relationship with both the parents and students, I plan to give activities to work on at home to help incorporate the parents into the students' learning; this will also keep the parents informed and involved in their child's learning. It is very important to keep parents involved because that lets the parents know what their child is learning and if they are understanding it.

I want my students to be able to grow from what they learn from me, just teaching them, and through the hands-on activities given. I would like my students to be able to teach themselves once I get the discussion started and I would like for them to be able to open their minds to new and exciting things. I also think that is a big deal to make those not as exciting subjects, such as social studies and reading, a lot more interesting and fun for the students. I believe that it is very important to motivate students to do their best at all things. As I mentioned above, the energy you give off, the children will feed off that; especially being a teacher. If your students see that you have no motivation or enthusiasm when teaching or speaking, they will go off your energy and that is not good for the student. I plan to make sure the students are motivated and doing their best by making sure I communicate with each student in the class and making sure that if I have time in class I can have one on one time with the students who are struggling with a certain subject or topic. I also plan to do this by studying the student's attitude and making sure that they are focused. If one of the student's body language or facial expressions is off or they are acting weird, such as acting out more than often or just being sad and depressed looking, the teacher should talk to the student and/or their parent to make sure everything is okay at home and with the student.

It is very important to make the learning experience for the children fun, but it is also very important to make the surrounding environment safe; such as the classroom, playground, etc. It is very important to me that my students feel safe and comfortable in my classroom. In my past observations, the teacher who I was observing had a very organized, clean, and comfortable classroom setting. The teacher had "flexible seating"

in her classroom, which consisted of: three tables with regular chairs, one table with yoga balls, one table with rolling chairs, and one side area that has yoga mats and cushions to sit on. So, the children sit in groups at the tables and switch tables each week, so everyone gets a chance to sit at every table throughout the school year. I feel like this being in the classroom helps the children feel a little more comfortable and relaxed in their classroom and I hope I can incorporate something like this in my future classroom. It is also very important to me that my classroom is very organized and comfortable for my students. If your classroom is unorganized and has no structure, students maybe be confused or distracted during lessons; students and parents may not take the classroom and/or teacher as serious as they should. I hope that that never happens in my classroom; I want all m students to be attentive and excited to come to my classroom, ready to learn.

In conclusion, I think that it is very important to set a good example for the children and be someone who they admire and can look up to. I hope that my future students look to me as a positive and exciting teacher and person in their lives.