

Teaching Philosophy

I firmly believe that all children have the ability to learn, no matter how long it may take them to grasp a certain subject or content. It doesn't matter if there is any deficiency in their learning; what matters is that they have the capacity to learn. It is the job of the teacher to make sure that their students enter into a welcoming environment that is enthusiastic about fostering their learning. I will also be adamant about inclusion within my classroom. I am passionate about working with children of all kinds of different abilities, and believe that every student has the capability to bring something different to the classroom that can benefit their own learning, as well as the learning of their peers.

The concepts that I will emphasize in my classroom will be diversity, responsibility, and respect. I believe that we all can learn from our own unique perspectives and experiences, and I plan to incorporate the diverse backgrounds of all of my students into each lesson I prepare. In addition to having the students learn from me, I want to provide them with multiple opportunities to learn from each other, and for them to teach me about themselves and how they learn. By forming these relationships through learning, we are able to move into the next concept; respect. This is an absolutely crucial element in any learning environment, and I am going to make it ever-present in my own classroom. Respect is given and strengthened through relationships, which is going to be a pinnacle focus among my students. I recognize that there are going to be some relationships with students that are going to take longer to establish, but I also realize how fruitful they can be once respect is given both ways,

and a strong, understanding relationship is formed. Finally, my students will be held responsible for their learning. Responsibility not only teaches them how to be held accountable for their actions in my classroom and the school, but also at home, in their extracurricular activities, and years after they leave my classroom. By emphasizing the importance of responsibility each day, the students will develop a sense of independence in their learning, and confidence in who they are and what they are doing.

