

Philosophy of Education

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If you took a walk into my classroom, I would hope that you would see a classroom full of children who exude a love of learning. Teaching is one of the most rewarding, but also one of the most difficult professions in the world. We have the ability to shape little people into great masterpieces. John Ruskin wrote, "When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece." As a teacher, I hope that I am instilling in my students a desire to be more, do more, and want more for themselves. It is my role as a teacher to encourage children to show what they know, and learn something new everyday.

I believe that as a teacher I owe my students a well rounded year of growth in learning of all subject areas. I owe them a chance to work and read at their own level, so that they can achieve and be successful. I owe them a chance to achieve more than they thought was possible. I owe it to them to be a good model of moral character, to be a compassionate and loving person. Many children do not have positive role models in their life. Sometimes a teacher can "light a fire" in a student, to become more than they ever thought possible. It is our job to instill in them a desire to become good, productive citizens.

Some qualities that a teacher should possess are having a structured and organized environment in which children can grow in their learning. Flexibility is key when working with children along with consistency. Say what you mean, and mean what you say. A teacher must give encouragement and praise.

I believe all children can learn. Every child is different. It is essential that we not put children in a box, and force them to fit a mold. We need to meet each child where they are. As an educator, if a child is behind, I owe it to them to do everything I can to close their learning gap. I need to provide them with strategies and tools that they can use throughout their school career to help them be successful.