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Educational Philosophy

My teaching philosophy is grounded in the idea that students' minds are not empty vessels waiting to be filled. Each one of them brings their own particular brand of genius to my classroom, and my most important job is to discover and empower that genius. I believe that if a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn. This quote by Ignacio Estrada represents my teaching philosophy. "Teaching and education are not one size fits all."

An important tenet of my teaching philosophy is that failure IS an option; mistakes are an invaluable part of learning. My students follow a growth mindset, that is, the power of YET! Part of my teaching philosophy is based around the idea of 'I do, We do, You do.' This means that the teacher shows the students how to do it, then students do the lesson with the teacher, and then students take what they have learned to work independently.

I strongly believe that students learn the best when they are in a positive learning environment where they feel welcomed, comfortable, and safe with each other. I strive to maintain a friendly, supportive classroom so school is a joyful place for everyone to learn. The possibilities are endless when you have the tools you need to learn.

I will close with this quote from Maya Angelou, 'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

I hope, that year after year, my students will ALWAYS remember just how I made them feel!