

Teaching Philosophy

“Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning,” Robert John Meehan. I believe every child has the potential to succeed, and that I, as a teacher need to give them that opportunity. My teaching philosophy is to guide students through purposeful learning experiences in order to bring out the best in each student. I believe my role in educating a student goes beyond academics, and should include social and emotional skills as well. My classroom will focus on relationships, I believe that every child needs to feel welcome and a sense of belonging. We will be a community of learners working together and building one another up. My mission is to promote life-long learning in my students through a safe and loving environment that focuses on relationships, engaging students in purposeful learning experiences, and student responsibility. As a teacher my hope is that every child I encounter, I will inspire to gain an excitement and a love for learning.

I believe strongly in purposeful learning experiences. Purposeful learning experiences to me, address the why of learning and are meaningful to students. Hands-on learning is a crucial way for students to learn. Students need to be able to have some sort of hands-on experience with the material, this may look very different depending on the content. I will strive to connect these experiences to everyday life so students can relate with the content. These hands-on experiences will hopefully get students excited about their learning. Another way I will get students excited about learning is by getting to know them and their interests. I will then be able to incorporate what they love into the lessons, that way they have an interest in the subject as well as a connection to it.

All students learn differently; it is my job as a teacher to insure that each and every student has opportunities that will allow them to succeed. Some students are visual learners,

some are auditory learners, and some are kinesthetic. I will provide different teaching styles to accommodate each different type of learning so that every child can learn. This includes learners with disabilities and special needs. I will do the best I can to provide different ways of teaching and adaptations that will help them succeed. I also believe it is important to get parents involved in their child's education and I will provide a variety of ways for that to occur. If students see both their parents and teacher encouraging them, being involved, and caring about their education they will as well. These tactics will help to develop each child intellectually.

The environment children learn in has a great effect on their achievements. I will strive every day to make sure each child feels welcome, important, and safe. I want students to enjoy being in my environment. Relationships are key. Relationships between my students and I as well as between the students themselves, play a large role in the classroom community. As a class and individually we will take time to develop these relationships. We will be a community of learners, by learning new things together every day. The way I run and manage my classroom will allow for social and emotional learning. We will take time to learn how to interact with one another. When a situation arises, it can be used as a learning opportunity. Group activities will occur so students can learn to communicate in a group and work together to reach a goal. Respect, honesty, patience, and kindness are all character traits that I want to instill in my students.

In closing, I have a love for teaching and I believe these methods will help me to be a great teacher. Again, I believe in providing purposeful learning experiences and want to develop the whole child early on, intellectually, socially, and emotionally. I believe relationships are key. This focus on relationships will aid in developing children socially and emotionally. All in all, I want to inspire each and every child to love learning and know that they can succeed.