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## Educational Philosophy

My personal teaching philosophy is that learning is a two way process between teacher and student. I will do everything possible to foster learning in my classroom. Education is the foundation a child needs for success in all areas of life. My goal is to create an atmosphere that will inspire a student to develop a love of life-long learning and to assist them in setting the foundation of their educational experience that will take them beyond their institutional experience.

I desire to promote critical thinking skills, facilitate the acquisition of life-long learning skills, and assist in the development of problem-solving strategies that carry the student not only through his/her educational career but through their lifetime. I will help each student understand the primary basics of each subject area that is taught in my classroom and to make sure they are able to perform to the best of their own ability. Each student will be expected to reach standards that will challenge and encourage them to learn within their individual abilities. Each student will have every opportunity to succeed in my classroom.

Each student will be accountable to follow the rules and of the classroom, and to be respectful to staff and fellow students. Students will also be involved in the making of the class guidelines and rules allowing each student to have an input as to what is fair and what is not. By participating in the development of these guidelines and rules, they will have a better understanding of what is expected of them and the consequences that follow. They will understand they created and agreed to the rules and will merely be reminded of those rules and consequences. This gives them control over their behavior and diminishes animosity they may feel toward me as the teacher and other students as well.

I will establish clear boundaries so that each student is clear concerning what is expected of them academically and behaviorally. I will make sure each student is held to the same rules without favoritism. I will make sure each student receives the individual assistance they need in order to be successful. I will make every effort to ensure that each student has the chance to participate all activities that occur throughout the school year.

As an educator, I will provide a safe and friendly environment where my students can be challenged and encouraged to explore the massive amounts of knowledge surrounding them using the most up-to-date technology available to them. I will strive to make sure every student is learning and to be available for any assistance that may be required for their understanding and retention of the subject matter. In return, I will expect each student to perform to the very best of their abilities. I will foster a fun and engaging leaning environment so students mind will be stimulated and they will enjoy learning.

I believe that if students are held to unattainable standards and expectations, they will not be successful learners. I will strive to create and educational environment that will promote a students creativity and love of learning. I believe students are responsible for their learning environment and will teach them to take pride in their classroom environment. Where possible, I will involve students in the designing of the aesthetics of the classroom environment as will as the curriculum so they will develop an attitude of ownership for their learning.

I will make every effort to build a strong trusting relationship with the student and their families. I recognize each student has differences and will adjust expectations according to their individual abilities. I will encourage parents to help students and to be involved in their learning. Students experience greater achievement when a parent/care-giver is involved in their learning. I will strive to make sure that all parent/care-giver are given ample information on what is being taught and information concerning ways they can help the student at home to reinforce the curriculum. I will also be available to help parents when needed and I will provide adequate resources that will be available to them. I believe when the parent(s) are involved in their children's learning, the students will prosper and enjoy learning. They will also grow in knowledge and become happy and successful individuals.

I will be patient and develop a strong and good working rapport so that a good working partnership is developed for the benefit of the student. I will maintain a professional attitude and not only show respect but strive to earn the respect of my students and their families.

As an educator I am committed to learning about my students and methods enabling them to understand, retain and apply lessons learned to everyday life. I am open to new teaching philosophies and methodologies in the classroom and will adjust to fit the needs of individual students.

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