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Teaching Belief Statement.

A teacher teaching philosophy is very important to have. It reflects on your beliefs on teaching and learning when it comes to young children. Young children need someone who understands how they learn and who they truly are. In this essay, I will be explaining my teaching philosophy and how I would put it to practice.

Teachers set goals for infants and toddler families. One of my main goals for them would be to set a high standard of communication. I say this because to me communication is very important when it comes to children. With saying this I feel like parents and teachers should always be communicating and letting each other know how the child is doing. This will help support their development because it will allow me as a teacher to know what the child needs help on and it will also let the parent know as well what aspects they are able to help in too at home. The two learning theories I would use are cognitive theory learning and constructivism theory learning. Cognitive is important because it focuses on the way children think. Children are able to fail and try again. Constructivism is key to any child learning because they create their own learning and understanding from their own experiences. Every child does not learn at the same speed or the same way another child might learn.

A teacher's interaction with a child is very important. This is what builds a safe and protective environment for them to learn in. Without this a child in my point of view will be struggling in most of the developmental domains. I want to be a good role model for my students. I want them to look at me and feel like they are safe because their parents aren't there to

be with them. I would always want my students to feel good about themselves, so when a child is behaving I will give them positive feedback. The day I become a certified teacher it will be one of the best days of my life. Becoming a teacher will mean I have a chance to change the way a child thinks. I am able to influence the next generation of children in how they think.

The concept of how children learn should be easy and flexible. I believe that there are certain elements that are beneficial to learning. With these elements being approachable to children it will make their learning lifestyle easier. When I am in the classroom I will come everyday with a calm, open mind. In my students' learning experiences they will have access to hands-on activities. This will help them deeper understand what they are doing. Children in my classroom are able to have choices and let their curiosity control their learning. I believe as students learn they need the opportunity to practice skills in a safe environment. This will allow my classroom to be a successful learning environment. Learning in a good environment will allow children to achieve many things as they grow and continue their education.

A meaningful teaching experience is probably every teacher's dream. When achieving this I know I will be a very happy teacher. A meaningful teaching experience to me looks like a child tries their best and achieves the main goal of the experience. Not only them but even the child who didn't achieve it they have tried their best. I consider this meaningful because it shows that they are listening to instructions and want to learn. My role as the teacher will be to assist each child in developing their own learning styles. I will try to create a curriculum that will cover each different learning style, as well as make the content relevant to the students' lives. I will include hands-on learning, cooperative learning, and individual work that engage and activate students' learning.

The children's value and belief will always be noted. A way I will show that I will incorporate all the students' learning styles in my curriculum will be by being flexible with certain things. I know not everything I would want them to learn is capable. The first two weeks of class will help me get to know my kids better. During this time I will get to know my children, which will help me see what type of learning style they will need. Children in my classroom will be able to work at their own pace so they will not feel like they are being rushed. Making them feel rushed will allow them to not get the full experience of the lesson I will promote to them.

Growing as a teacher means you have to set goals for yourself. Some goals I have for myself is to improve my students' education and help their brain grow. Every year I will have a different set of goals because of course every year will not be the same. Collaboration is something important that I think is helpful in many ways. You might have a problem that you can't solve which when you go to someone else they might have an answer for you. Always being a good listener will be something I would want to always do. When people listen, a lot of important information can come out of it. Overall, I cannot wait to be part of young children's learning experiences.