

Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy is based upon creating an environment that welcomes all students, promotes respect for all persons, treats all persons like the unique individuals that they are, and encourages the use of empathy. I believe that without these things, true learning cannot take place.

A welcoming environment is crucial for teaching and learning success. If students do not feel welcomed, wanted, and have a sense of belonging, they will not be motivated to learn. To make my classroom welcoming, I plan to bring in a team mentality. The following quote emulates this: "In our classroom, we are a team. We take risks. We learn from our mistakes. We try our best! We create. We dream big. We celebrate each other's success."- Unknown

All students should have a chance to be part of something larger than themselves. This is what my team will offer. Within our team, students will learn about respect and the ways that we can practice respect daily. It will be because of this respect that students will be able to fully engage in learning. When mistakes are accepted as normal and expected, the discomfort and embarrassment begin to disappear. My classroom will be a safe and respectful place where students can learn and make mistakes without fear of embarrassment.

In addition to respect, I will ensure that all of my students are treated like the unique individuals that they are. Not all students learn in the same way. Because of this, I will strive to meet the learning needs and modalities of all my students, so that each child may flourish.

The final segment of my teaching philosophy addresses empathy. Empathy is integral to my classroom because it will allow students to be human and will help them develop compassion and understanding for others. Nobody is perfect, and my hope is that I can help my students realize this and practice empathy when others may be struggling.

A welcoming, respectful, and empathetic environment will be the foundation of my classroom that will allow students to reach their fullest potential. This foundation will not only allow students to achieve academic success, but will also give them the tools needed to become responsible, compassionate leaders.