

## A Childs Champion

### My Teaching Philosophy

Rita Pierson once said, “Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possible be.” I aspire to be that adult for my students, to encourage them and push them to their greatest potential. I want to be a preschool or kindergarten teacher because I love working with kids and helping them learn new things. The look on children’s faces when they learn something new is what motivated me to pursue this career. I was inspired to become a teacher by my Kindergarten teacher. I remember dreading the first day of Kindergarten because I was scared to be with all the big kids. Once I met Mrs. Kourajian and found out how fun her class was, I got over my fear and was excited to get up and go to school every day. That is how I want my students to feel coming into my classroom, excited and ready to learn new information.

The purpose of education is that when students grow older, they can take the knowledge they learned at school and apply it in the real world. School is a place where students learn curriculum to help them further their education later on in life. It is a place where children learn that it is okay to make mistakes. School is a place where students should feel safe to be themselves. Schools can serve all students by being accepting of all religions, race, and background. Schools also should have proper educators and equipment to serve children with special needs.

Along with teachers, students also play a major role in their own education. They need to pay attention in class and do their homework. If the students are not paying attention in class,

then they will not know how to do their homework. To ensure that students are paying attention, I will go around the room and check their assignment to make sure they are getting the correct answers. Another way I will make sure they are paying attention is by asking them questions while I am teaching and making learning fun for them.

The role of a teacher in the classroom is to make sure that students are learning and understanding the curriculum, but also having fun while doing so. I need to make sure that students are staying on task and paying attention. I will be responsible for following the school and state curriculum standards, and creating fun and helpful ways for students to learn. I believe that excellent teaching is when students know all the answers to questions without questioning or hesitating on their answers. Excellent teaching is when students want to come to class every day and are excited to learn.

In one single classroom there is so much diversity, whether it be in culture, socioeconomic status, physical or cognitive limitation, or other disabilities. I will pay attention to my students and try out different teaching methods to find which ones work best for the students. I will implement different modalities through my lesson to meet the needs of all learners. I also will decorate my room with posters so students can have easy access to information. Students need hands-on activities and someone to push them to their greatest potential. They need activities so they are doing different tasks throughout the day. They need someone to push them so they do not give up on themselves. Parents also play a role in the student's education. I will keep parents informed with what is going on in the classroom by sending home a weekly take-home letter or posting on the classroom website/ app on what we

will be doing in class. Along with the take home letter I will inform the parents how their child is doing and behaving during class.

I believe I will make a great teacher because I care about children's learning and want to see them grow to their full potential. I am also enthusiastic and encouraging. I will help students gain interest in school and get them excited about learning by providing the students will hand-on learning. While observing other classrooms, I found that positive discipline techniques work well for most students. One way to discipline students is to use positive reinforcement and positive words.

I want to be the champion in my student's life, I want them to feel empowered and encouraged when they walk into my classroom. That adult that will push them to their greatest potential and will be there to support them if they fail. I love working with kids and watching them grow with their education. I want students to know that they can be themselves in my classroom and that they can achieve great things if they put their minds to it. Finally, I care about children's learning and will help them learn even if that means trying out multiple techniques until I get it right.